

Legal Notice For
Air Quality Operating & Acid Rain Permits
for Hobbs Generating Station of Lea Power Partners LLC

Lea Power Partners LLC at 98 N Twombly Lane Suite 200; Hobbs, NM 88242 has submitted an air quality operating permit application to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) for an air quality operating permit for its Hobbs Generating Station. The owner of this plant is Lea Power Partners LLC. The exact location of the facility is at latitude decimal degrees 32.729742; and longitude decimal degrees - 103.309611, Datum: WGS84. To aid in locating this facility, the approximate location is 8 mi W of Hobbs in Lea County, NM. This application file has been assigned an Operating Permit Number P244-R2, Acid Rain permit P244-AR3, and TEMPO Agency Interest ID No. 25726.

Previously, the facility received an air quality construction permit and is in operation. The main purpose of the facility is to generate electricity for sale using natural gas-fired turbines and associated heat recovery equipment. The capacity of this power plant is 625 MW. This operating permit application is for a permit renewal and also incorporates all applicable requirements from their pre-construction permit numbers PSD3449-M5. Per 20.2.70.401.C.(4) NMAC, this permitting action involves renewal of a Title V Operating and Title IV Acid Rain permits.

The emissions, as established in NSR Permit PSD3449-M5, and brought forward into this permit are as follows. Parentheses note changes in emissions from previous operating permit – P244-R1. Emissions are expressed in tons per year (tpy). Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x) at 193.0 tpy (+8.3); Carbon Monoxide (CO) at 285.9 tpy (+5); Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) at 96.8 tpy (+1); Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) at 54.1 tpy (+4.6); Particulate Matter (PM) at 105.8 tpy (+17.2), Particulate Matter 10 microns or less (PM₁₀) at 104.6 tpy (+17.3), and Particulate Matter 2.5 microns or less (PM_{2.5}) at 103.4 tpy (+17.3); and greenhouse gas (CO₂e) of 1,975,507 tpy.

The NMED has conducted a preliminary review of the information submitted with the permit application. This review included evaluation of the emission rates and applicable requirements to determine compliance.

The NMED has made a preliminary determination that this facility will comply with the requirements of Title 20, New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC), Chapter 2, Parts 7, 33, 61, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 77, 82, and 84; 40 CFR 50; 40 CFR 60 Subparts A, IIII, and KKKK ; 40 CFR 63 Subparts A, ZZZZ, and CCCCCC; 40 CFR 72; 40 CFR 73; 40 CFR 75; and the New Mexico Air Quality Control Act. Therefore, the preliminary intent of NMED is to issue the air quality operating permit and Acid Rain permit on or before February 02, 2022.

Interested persons may obtain the draft Operating and Acid Rain permits, submit written comments, or request a public hearing on Operating Permit Number P244R2 by contacting Joseph Kimbrell at the New Mexico Environment Department, Air Quality Bureau, 525 Camino de los Marquez Suite 1, Santa Fe, NM 87505-1816.

Written requests for public hearing must state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Comments must be based on the requirements of the applicable state and federal air quality regulations and the Clean Air Act. Comments or hearing requests must be received within 30 days after the public notice is published.

Due to the public health emergency order, certain NMED offices are closed to the public. The permit application is currently available for review on the AQB Public Notices of Permitting Actions website

www.env.nm.gov/air-quality/public-notice-of-permitting-actions/. The Department contact in Santa Fe is Joseph Kimbrell at 505-476-4300. Este es un aviso de la oficina de Calidad del Aire del Departamento del Medio Ambiente de Nuevo México, acerca de las emisiones producidas por un establecimiento en esta área. Si usted desea información en español, por favor comuníquese con esa oficina al teléfono 505-476-5557.

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