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Intercontinental Potash Corp (USA), 1030 Johnson Road, Suite 300, Golden, CO has submitted a Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) air quality permit application to the Air Quality Bureau (aqb), New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) for an air quality permit to construct the Ochoa Mine Project. The application file has been assigned Permit No. PSD-5384 and TEMPO Agency Interest ID No. 33152. The aqb is notifying the public that the aqb's preliminary determination, which includes the Best Available Control Technology (BACT) determination, draft permit, statement of basis, and modeling report is available for public review and comment. All comments must be submitted, in writing, to the aqb-NMED within 30 days from the date that this public notice is published in this newspaper (20.2.72.206.B(1) NMAC and 20.2.74.400.C NMAC). Any written comments should refer to the company name, facility name, and application number, or send a copy of this notice along with your comments. The documents comprising aqb-NMED's preliminary determination and the permit application can be found on the aqb website at: <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/aqb/permit/ApplicationsPermitswithPublicInterest.html> It may also be found at aqb-NMED's Santa Fe office at 525 Camino de los Marquez; or at NMED's Carlsbad field office located at Hobbs field office located at 726 E. Michigan, Suite 160, Hobbs, NM 88240. All written comments on aqb-NMED's preliminary determination should be submitted to the attention of Ms. Cember Hardison at cember.hardison@state.nm.us or at 505 476 4346. The preliminary intent of aqb is to issue the air quality permit after this 30-day comment period. If the Department Secretary determines that a public hearing is required due to significant public interest, all persons shall have the opportunity to appear and submit written or oral comments at the hearing. There are 4 operations for the project and all are located in Lea County, New Mexico. The locations of the 4 operations are as follows. The location of the Ochoa Processing Plant will be at latitude 32 deg, 11 min, 59.1 sec and longitude -103 deg, 31 min, 59.2 sec and will be 20.7 miles West-Northwest from the intersection of highways 128 and 18 in Jal, NM. The underground Ochoa Mine is located across from the Ochoa Process Plant, north of Highway 128. The Jal Loadout facility will be at latitude 32 deg, 11 in, 14.1 sec and longitude -103 deg, 12 min, 47.2 sec and will be 4.7 miles North-Northwest from the intersection of Highways 128 and 18 in Jal, NM. The Groundwater Well Field also called the Groundwater Pre-Treatment Plant will be at latitude 32 deg, 12 min, 43.8 sec and longitude -103 deg, 19 min, 47.1 sec and is 10.4 miles, Northwest from the intersection of highways 128 and 18 in Jal, NM. The proposed construction will consist of the following activities. Raw polyhalite will be mined from approximately 1,500 feet underground then transported to the Ochoa Processing Plant at the surface where it will be crushed, ground, washed, calcined, leached, crystallized, and granulated to produce products of sulphate of potash and langbeinite. These products will be trucked to the Jal Loadout facility and either stored or loaded on trains for shipping. At the Groundwater well field/Groundwater Pre-Treatment plant, water will be treated to remove H2S and piped to the Ochoa Processing plant. Waste material from ore processing will be stored in a tailings area at the Ochoa Processing Plant. Total air pollutant emissions to the atmosphere are estimated to be approximately Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) at 165 tons per year (tpy); Carbon Monoxide (CO) at 175 tpy; Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) at 26 tpy; Sulfur Dioxide (SO2) at 3.5 tpy; Total Suspended Particulate Matter (TSP) at 346 tpy, Particulate Matter 10 microns or less (PM10) at 196 tpy, and Particulate Matter 2.5 microns or less (PM2.5) at 138 tpy, and greenhouse gas (CO2e) at 522,040 tpy; and less than 2 tpy of any federal Hazardous Air Pollutant of New Mexico Toxic Air Pollutant. The facility is a major, ?100,000 tpy CO2e source of greenhouse gas emissions. These emission estimates could change slightly during the course of the Department's review of the application. The source is expected to consume PSD Class I and Class II increments as follows: NOx Class II annual 12.36% and Class I annual 22.4%; PM10 Class II annual 53.65% and 24-hr 99.33%; PM10 Class I annual 4.25% and 24-hr 27.25%; PM2.5 Class II 24-hr 95.78% and annual 47.25%; PM2.5 Class I 24-hr 2.34% and annual 0.33%.

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