

PUBLIC NOTICE
For
Air Quality Operating Permit
for Intrepid Potash - East Plant of Intrepid Potash New Mexico LLC

Intrepid Potash New Mexico LLC, PO Box 101, Carlsbad, NM 88220 has submitted an air quality operating permit application to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) for an air quality operating permit for its Intrepid Potash - East Plant. The exact location of the facility is at latitude 32 degrees, 30 minutes, 19.9 seconds and longitude -103 degrees, 46 minutes, 57.1 seconds. To aid in locating this facility, the approximate location is 30 miles east, northeast of Carlsbad on highway 62/180. The physical address of the facility is 210 Red Cloud Road, Carlsbad, NM 88220 in Eddy County. This application file has been assigned an Operating Permit Number P009-R2M2 and TEMPO Agency Interest ID No. 208.

Previously, the facility received an air quality construction permit and is in operation. The main purpose of the facility is to mine potash and produce potash (KCl) and langbeinite fertilizer from sylvite ore. This operating permit application is for a permit modification. Per 20.2.70.401.C.(4) NMAC, this permitting action incorporates updates to the Compliance Assurance Monitoring ("CAM") Plan with results from the 2015 annual compliance stack tests. Additional revision/corrections are reflected throughout the revised CAM Plan including changes to monitoring frequency and correction of an error in the water flow data for a dust control scrubber. No changes to emissions are associated with this permit modification.

There are no changes to the existing air emission limits in this permitting action. The estimated maximum air pollutant emissions to the atmosphere from this facility are as follows. Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) at 160.3 tons per year (tpy); Carbon Monoxide (CO) at 206.5 tpy; Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) at 11.6 tpy; Sulfur Dioxide (SO2) at 4.3 tpy; Total Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) at 6.4 tpy; Total Suspended Particulate Matter (TSP) at 352.2 tpy, Particulate Matter 10 microns or less (PM10) at 159.2 tpy, and Particulate Matter 2.5 microns or less (PM2.5) at 56.5 tpy. The facility is a major, greater than or equal to 100,000 tpy CO2e, source of greenhouse gas emissions.

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 1, 3, 7, 19, 61, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, and 77; 40 CFR 50; 40 CFR 60 Subparts A, Dc, and III; 40 CFR 63 Subparts A and CCCCC; 40 CFR 64 CAM; and the New Mexico Air Quality Control Act. Therefore, the preliminary intent of NMED is to issue the air quality operating permit on or before October 7, 2016.

Interested persons may obtain the draft operating permit, submit written comments, or request a public hearing on Operating Permit Number P009-R2M2 by contacting Linsey Hurst 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.

The permit application, draft permit and relevant supporting materials are currently available for review at the Air Quality Bureau, 525 Camino de los Marquez Suite 1, Santa Fe, NM 87505-1816. The Department contact in Santa Fe is Linsey Hurst at 505-476-4300. Este es un aviso de la Agencia de Calidad de Aire del Departamento de Medio Ambiente de Nuevo México, acerca de las emisiones producidas por un establecimiento en esta área. Si usted desea información en español, por favor de comunicarse con la oficina de Calidad de Aire al teléfono 505-476-5557.