

PUBLIC NOTICE
For
Air Quality Operating Permit
for Washington Ranch Storage Facility of El Paso Natural Gas Company, LLC

El Paso Natural Gas Company, LLC at 5151 East Broadway, Suite 1680, Tucson, AZ 85711 has submitted an air quality operating permit application to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) for an air quality operating permit for its Washington Ranch Storage Facility. The owner of this plant is El Paso Natural Gas Company, LLC. The exact location of the facility is latitude 32 deg, 4 min, 53.8 sec and longitude -104 deg, 29 min, 3.5 sec. To aid in locating this facility, the approximate location is 5.1 miles west of US HWY 180 on CO Rd 418, Washington Ranch Road. This facility is located approximately 9.1 miles SW of Whites City, New Mexico in Eddy County. This application file has been assigned an Operating Permit Number P064-R3 and TEMPO Agency Interest ID No. 220.

Previously, the facility received an air quality construction permit and is in operation.

The main purpose of the facility is to store natural gas by compressing and injecting the natural gas into underground storage wells and then, when needed, withdrawing the gas for delivery into the pipeline.

This operating permit application is for a permit renewal. Per 20.2.70.401.C.(4) NMAC, this permitting action involves incorporating equipment and emissions changes that were approved through the New Mexico New Source Review permitting process since the last issued Title V permit in 2009.

There are no changes to the existing air emission limits in this permitting action.

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, 61, 70, 71, 72, 73, 75 and 82; 40 CFR 50; 40 CFR 63 Subparts HHH, ZZZZ, DDDDD; 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 May 8, 2015.

Interested persons may obtain the draft operating permit, submit written comments, or request a public hearing on Operating Permit Number P064-R3 by contacting Daren Zigich 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 Daren Zigich at 505-476-4366.