

PUBLIC NOTICE

For

Air Quality Operating Permit

for Intrepid - North Compaction Plant West Flotation Plant of Intrepid Potash New Mexico LLC

Intrepid Potash New Mexico LLC at 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 North Plant and West Flotation Plant. The owner of these facilities is Intrepid Potash New Mexico LLC. The exact location of the North Plant is at latitude 32 deg, 31 min, 15.77 sec and longitude -103 deg, 48 min, 3.59 sec. The exact location of the West Flotation Plant is at latitude 32 deg, 29 min, 22.5 sec and longitude -103 deg, 56 min, 19.37 sec. To aid in locating these facilities, the approximate location of the West Flotation Plant is 28 miles east, northeast of Carlsbad, NM in Eddy County and the approximate location of the North Plant is 20.5 miles east, northeast of Carlsbad, NM in Lea County. This application file has been assigned an Operating Permit Number P261 and TEMPO Agency Interest ID No. 29939.

Previously, each facility received an air quality construction permit and are in operation.

The main purpose of the West Flotation Plant is to produce Muriate of Potash using a flotation process applied to raw potash ore. The main purpose of the North Plant is to compact and/or size potash material received from Intrepid's West Flotation Plant and HB Mill Plant.

This operating permit application is for a new permit. Per 20.2.70.401.C.(4) NMAC, this permitting action involves issuing a new title V operating permit for the two facilities. It will incorporate the requirements from the two facility's existing construction permits, numbers 321-M3, 421-M5, and 421-M5-R1.

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, 19, 61, 70, 71, 72, and 73; 40 CFR 50; 40 CFR 60 Subparts A and IIII; 40 CFR 63 Subparts A and ZZZZ; 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 March 30, 2014.

Interested persons may obtain the draft operating permit, submit written comments, or request a public hearing on Operating Permit Number P261 by contacting Cember Hardison 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 Cember Hardison at 505-476-4346.