

PUBLIC NOTICE
For
Air Quality Operating Permit
for Lea County Electric Cooperative Power Plant of Lea County Electric Cooperative Inc

Lea County Electric Cooperative Inc, at PO Drawer 1447; Lovington, NM 88260 has submitted an air quality operating permit application to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) for an air quality operating permit for its Lea County Electric Cooperative Power Plant. The owner of this plant is Lea County Electric Cooperative Inc. The exact location of the facility is at latitude 32 deg, 58 min, 15 sec and longitude -103 deg, 19 min, 20 sec. To aid in locating this facility, the location is near the intersection of Highway 82 and State Highway 206, approximately 1.5 miles NE of Lovington in Lea County, New Mexico. This application file has been assigned an Operating Permit Number P262 and TEMPO Agency Interest ID No. 29433.

Previously, the facility received an air quality construction permit and is in operation. The main purpose of the facility is to generate commercial electric power to back up wind generated electric power. This operating permit application is for a new permit. Per 20.2.70.401.C.(4) NMAC, this permitting action involves issuance of a new Title V Permit.

Emissions are expressed in tons per year (tpy). Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x) at 50.5 tpy; Carbon Monoxide (CO) at 82.6 tpy; Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) at 65.0 tpy; Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) at 0.9 tpy; Particulate Matter 10 microns or less (PM₁₀) at 44.5 tpy, and Particulate Matter 2.5 microns or less (PM_{2.5}); and greenhouse gas (CO₂e) at 181,592 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 1, 7, 61, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 77, and 82; 40 CFR 50; 40 CFR 60 Subparts A, IIII, and JJJJ; 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 August 15, 2014.

Interested persons may obtain the draft operating permit, submit written comments, or request a public hearing on Operating Permit Number P262 by contacting Michael Space 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 Michael Space at 505-476-4336.