

Public Involvement Plan (PIP) for the Clean
Water State Revolving Plan FY21 Draft
Intended Use Plan Public Comment Period

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Public Involvement Plan (PIP) Overview

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), Construction Programs Bureau (Bureau) developed this Public Involvement Plan (PIP) for the public comment period for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Draft Intended Use Plan for State fiscal Year 2021 (FY21).

The purpose of this PIP is to plan for providing public participation opportunities and information that may be needed for communities, individuals or other interested parties to participate in the public comment period related to the CWSRF FY21 Draft Intended Use Plan.

This PIP integrates information about the community (in this case, the entire State of New Mexico) and identifies resources needed by the Bureau to incorporate community participation activities into the decision-making process for the public comment period for the CWSRF FY21 Draft Intended Use Plan. The PIP identifies the NMED staff and resources needed to accomplish these activities.

The Bureau will meet the public participation requirements for the public comment period by following this PIP, which includes the policy and regulatory and statutory public participation requirements.

In developing this PIP, community participation needs for the public comment period were assessed to ensure appropriate promotion of public outreach by identifying whether there is a combination of environmental and demographic factors that may impact public participation. This document identifies community outreach opportunities for participation.

As much as possible, public participation and informational activities related to the public comment period will be held within the timelines outlined in the table below. This timeline is tentative and subject to change; activities subject to statutory or regulatory deadlines are noted.

On the first date of the timeline for this formal public review and comment period, there will be a legal notice in the Albuquerque Journal and the Bureau will provide pertinent information in both English and Spanish in email notices, the Bureau website, and in posts to social media. During the public comment period, documents may be reviewed through any of the announcement venues or on the website.

Details about planned Bureau outreach are provided in this PIP.

This PIP is a “living” document that may be amended after considering public comments and feedback. The Bureau Chief provides final approval of the PIP and amendments.

Activity	Dates
PIP Posted to website (invite public input)	June 3, 2020
Notices published for public review of CWSRF Draft Intended Use Plan for FY21 in The Albuquerque Journal, email lists, the Bureau website, and on social media	June 19, 2020
Bureau Activity or Proceeding Public Review Period	June 19 – June 28, 2020
If no adverse public comments are received, the Intended Use Plan will be finalized on the Bureau website	July 20, 2020
If adverse public comments are received the Intended Use Plan will be finalized on the Bureau website	August 3, 2020

Contact

The Bureau contact for this CWSRF FY21 Draft Intended Use Plan public comment period is:

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 Email: rhonda.holderman@state.nm.us

A. Non-English Language Speaker Assistance and Accommodations

Non-English speakers may call the Bureau contact listed in this PIP and request language assistance services, such as an interpreter.

B. NMED Websites

New Mexico Environment Department - <https://www.env.nm.gov/>

Construction Programs Bureau - <https://www.env.nm.gov/construction-programs/>

C. Location of Intended Use Plan for Review

Clean Water State Revolving Fund - <https://www.env.nm.gov/construction-programs/clean-water-state-revolving-fund-cwsrf/>

Regulatory Background for Public Participation

Through enactment of the Wastewater Facility Construction Loan Act (Loan Act), Chapter 74, Article 6A, NMSA 1978, as amended, the New Mexico Legislature created a revolving loan fund (Fund). The purpose of the Loan Act "is to provide local authorities in New Mexico with low-cost financial assistance in the construction of necessary wastewater facilities through the creation of a self-sustaining program to improve and protect water quality and public health" §74-6A-2 NMSA (1978).

The Fund is administered by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) as an agent for the Water Quality Control Commission. State money is appropriated to NMED to carry out the provisions of the Loan Act and is used to match Federal funds allocated to New Mexico pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, also known as the Clean Water Act (CWA), as amended.

Federal capitalization grants, loan principal and interest repayments as well as interest earnings on the Fund balance are deposited into the Fund. Administrative fee and refinance fee revenues are deposited into a separate dedicated Clean Water Administrative Fund.

The Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC), which is New Mexico's water pollution control agency, has adopted regulations, application procedures, and a projects priority ranking system pursuant to the Loan Act, which is used by NMED in administering the loan program. The New Mexico Water Quality Act of 1967 §74-6-4 NMSA (1978) identified the duties and powers of the WQCC. The provision states, "The Commission: May accept and supervise the administration of loans and grants from the federal government and from other sources, public or private, which loans and grants shall not be expended for other than the purposes for which provided."

Pursuant to the Loan Act, the WQCC adopted regulations concerning eligibility requirements for financial assistance, application procedures, priority ranking system and administration of the loan program and Fund. The current priority ranking system was approved by EPA and adopted by the WQCC on January 24, 2014. The CWSRF and NMED staff evaluate and rank eligible projects. All §319 activities implement the state's §319 Nonpoint Source Management Plan. The state will review this plan when determining eligibility.

Public notice of the Intended Use Plan process is provided through publication in an independent newspaper, through email notifications to all interested parties and municipal contacts, through notices on social media, and through posting on the NMED website. A project must be on the current New Mexico state fiscal year Project Priority List to be eligible for funding. It is the policy of NMED to make loans in order of priority on the current fiscal year priority list to the extent reasonable, considering the following:

1. willingness to accept a loan;
2. financial capability of the community to service the loan;
3. the ability of the community to operate and maintain the proposed project; and
4. readiness to proceed.

Entities that do not meet the above criteria and all the funding conditions may be by-passed.

Location and Demographics

The CWSRF FY21 Draft Intended Use Plan is a statewide document, and thus contains the proposed projects and program goals for the entire state.

Demographic Summary

Using U.S. Census American Community Survey Quick Fact Estimates for the State of New Mexico for 2018, New Mexico has an estimated population of 2,096,829. The percentage of New Mexicans who speak Spanish at home is 26.4% and of those individuals, 28.7% speak English less than very well. These results indicate that for the state of New Mexico, the percentage of Spanish-speaking communication is considerable, and public participation could be impacted.

Therefore, the Bureau will provide information in Spanish and in English for public comment notices, both on the Bureau website and in the Albuquerque Journal.

Public Participation & Outreach Activities

The public may ask questions about the CWSRF FY21 Draft Intended Use Plan at any time. Interested community members do not need to wait for a formal public comment period to contact the Bureau. However, the Bureau emphasizes that to be included in the official record, comments solicited by public notices about the CWSRF FY21 Draft Intended Use Plan must be submitted during the noticed comment periods, and in accordance with the public notice.

Specific outreach activities related to the CWSRF FY21 Draft Intended Use Plan include maintaining a web page with attachments and links to all pertinent documents at <https://www.env.nm.gov/construction-programs/clean-water-state-revolving-fund-cwsrf/>

- Developing a public notice announcing the opening of the 10-day public comment period,
- Posting this notice to the Bureau website,
- Emailing this public notice to the Bureau's extensive email list through the GovDelivery e-mail delivery service (over 6000 email addresses),
- Printing the public notice in the Albuquerque Journal.

Copies of the CWSRF FY21 Draft Intended Use Plan and any supporting documents may be obtained via download from the Bureau's website at <https://www.env.nm.gov/construction-programs/clean-water-state-revolving-fund-cwsrf/> or by contacting Rhonda Holderman at (505) 469-3365, rhonda.holderman@state.nm.us, or by emailing, NMENV-cpbinfo@state.nm.us.

This is the most direct way to learn more about and be involved in the decision-making process for the State of New Mexico CWSRF FY21 Draft Intended Use Plan. Based on the demographics

report discussed in this PIP, basic information in the public notice will be in both English and Spanish.

A. E-Mailing of Notices to Persons on the Construction Programs Bureau's Email List

The Bureau maintains an extensive email list that includes individuals interested in funding information. This list is a combination of municipal and system officials and all previously interested persons who requested the Bureau provide them with information about potential funding for water, wastewater, eligible storm water projects, underground storage tank remediation and solid waste in New Mexico. The Bureau updates contacts when additional information is found. Interested persons can subscribe and unsubscribe to the email list. Additional individuals, organizations, and other interested parties are added to the email list as requested.

B. Email Updates

The Bureau's email list is regularly updated as new information is requested and received or submitted. The Bureau's website liaison is Saroj Baxter at 505-470-5287 or email saroj.baxter@state.nm.us.

C. Public Meeting Notices, Public Comment Notices, and Other Notices

Based on the Bureau's evaluation of the State of New Mexico, public notices will be translated into Spanish. In addition, the Bureau may post notices on the NMED's Events Calendar at: <https://www.env.nm.gov/events/>

D. Public Comment Period

The 10-day public comment period on the CWSRF FY21 Draft Intended Use Plan is planned to start at midnight June 19, 2020, and end at midnight June 28, 2020.

E. Information Repositories

Copies of the CWSRF FY21 Draft Intended Use Plan and supporting documents may be obtained via download from the Bureau's website, <https://www.env.nm.gov/construction-programs/clean-water-state-revolving-fund-cwsrf/> or by contacting Rhonda Holderman at (505) 469-3365, rhonda.holderman@state.nm.us, or by emailing NMENV-cpbinfo@state.nm.us.

The following is a list of locations where hard copies of relevant documents will be available to the community:

None identified at this time.


F. CWSRF FY21 Draft Intended Use Plan Final Submission and Approval, Including Responses to Comments

To address comments, the Bureau will prepare the final CWSRF FY21 Draft Intended Use Plan as amended, which will include a response to any comments received following the close of the public comment period. The Bureau is required to submit the final CWSRF Draft FY21 Intended Use Plan to EPA Region VI for review and approval. The final draft and all appendices will be available to the public via download from the Bureau website, or upon request. The Bureau will also send responses to comments directly to the commenters.

The 2020 Census is Happening Now. Respond Today.

QuickFacts
New MexicoQuickFacts provides statistics for all states and counties, and for cities and towns with a **population of 5,000 or more**.


Table

All Topics	New Mexico
Population estimates, July 1, 2019, (V2019)	2,096,829
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Population	
Population estimates, July 1, 2019, (V2019)	2,096,829
Population estimates base, April 1, 2010, (V2019)	2,059,199
Population, percent change - April 1, 2010 (estimates base) to July 1, 2019, (V2019)	1.8%
Population, Census, April 1, 2010	2,059,179
Age and Sex	
Persons under 5 years, percent	▲ 5.9%
Persons under 18 years, percent	▲ 23.0%
Persons 65 years and over, percent	▲ 17.5%
Female persons, percent	▲ 50.5%
Race and Hispanic Origin	
White alone, percent	▲ 82.0%
Black or African American alone, percent (a)	▲ 2.6%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone, percent (a)	▲ 10.9%
Asian alone, percent (a)	▲ 1.8%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone, percent (a)	▲ 0.2%
Two or More Races, percent	▲ 2.6%
Hispanic or Latino, percent (b)	▲ 49.1%
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino, percent	▲ 37.1%
Population Characteristics	
Veterans, 2014-2018	148,264
Foreign born persons, percent, 2014-2018	9.6%
Housing	
Housing units, July 1, 2019, (V2019)	948,473
Owner-occupied housing unit rate, 2014-2018	67.6%
Median value of owner-occupied housing units, 2014-2018	\$166,800
Median selected monthly owner costs -with a mortgage, 2014-2018	\$1,262
Median selected monthly owner costs -without a mortgage, 2014-2018	\$350
Median gross rent, 2014-2018	\$828
Building permits, 2019	5,020 ¹
Families & Living Arrangements	
Households, 2014-2018	775,651
Persons per household, 2014-2018	2.64
Living in same house 1 year ago, percent of persons age 1 year+, 2014-2018	86.4%
Language other than English spoken at home, percent of persons age 5 years+, 2014-2018	34.8%
Computer and Internet Use	
Households with a computer, percent, 2014-2018	83.8%
Households with a broadband Internet subscription, percent, 2014-2018	72.3%
Education	
High school graduate or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2014-2018	85.3%
Bachelor's degree or higher, percent of persons age 25 years+, 2014-2018	27.1%
Health	
With a disability, under age 65 years, percent, 2014-2018	10.3%
Persons without health insurance, under age 65 years, percent	▲ 11.4%
Economy	
In civilian labor force, total, percent of population age 16 years+, 2014-2018	57.4%
In civilian labor force, female, percent of population age 16 years+, 2014-2018	53.8%
Total accommodation and food services sales, 2012 (\$1,000) (c)	4,349,672
Total health care and social assistance receipts/revenue, 2012 (\$1,000) (c)	11,236,630
Total manufacturers shipments, 2012 (\$1,000) (c)	29,102,352
Total merchant wholesaler sales, 2012 (\$1,000) (c)	10,720,363
Total retail sales, 2012 (\$1,000) (c)	25,179,274
Total retail sales per capita, 2012 (c)	\$12,073

Transportation

Mean travel time to work (minutes), workers age 16 years+, 2014-2018	22.1
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Income & Poverty

Median household income (in 2018 dollars), 2014-2018	\$48,059
Per capita income in past 12 months (in 2018 dollars), 2014-2018	\$26,085
Persons in poverty, percent	 19.5%

**BUSINESSES****Businesses**

Total employer establishments, 2017	44,039 ¹
Total employment, 2017	626,466 ¹
Total annual payroll, 2017 (\$1,000)	25,723,101 ¹
Total employment, percent change, 2016-2017	-0.4% ¹
Total nonemployer establishments, 2018	125,925
All firms, 2012	151,363
Men-owned firms, 2012	71,132
Women-owned firms, 2012	59,044
Minority-owned firms, 2012	60,622
Nonminority-owned firms, 2012	83,857
Veteran-owned firms, 2012	14,096
Nonveteran-owned firms, 2012	128,693

**GEOGRAPHY****Geography**

Population per square mile, 2010	17.0
Land area in square miles, 2010	121,298.15
FIPS Code	35

About datasets used in this table

Value Notes

- 1. Includes data not distributed by county.

Estimates are not comparable to other geographic levels due to methodology differences that may exist between different data sources.

Some estimates presented here come from sample data, and thus have sampling errors that may render some apparent differences between geographies statistically indistinguishable. Click the Quick Info icon to the left of each row in TABLE view to learn about sampling error.

The vintage year (e.g., V2019) refers to the final year of the series (2010 thru 2019). Different vintage years of estimates are not comparable.

Fact Notes

- (a) Includes persons reporting only one race
- (b) Hispanics may be of any race, so also are included in applicable race categories
- (c) Economic Census - Puerto Rico data are not comparable to U.S. Economic Census data

Value Flags

- Either no or too few sample observations were available to compute an estimate, or a ratio of medians cannot be calculated because one or both of the median estimates falls in the lowest or upper interval of an open ended distribution.
- D Suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information
- F Fewer than 25 firms
- FN Footnote on this item in place of data
- N Data for this geographic area cannot be displayed because the number of sample cases is too small.
- NA Not available
- S Suppressed; does not meet publication standards
- X Not applicable
- Z Value greater than zero but less than half unit of measure shown

QuickFacts data are derived from: Population Estimates, American Community Survey, Census of Population and Housing, Current Population Survey, Small Area Health Insurance Estimates, Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, State and County Housing Unit Estimates, County Business Patterns, Nonemployer Statistics, Economic Census, Survey of Business Owners, Building Permits.

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https://data.census.gov/cedsci/table?q=New%20Mexico%20Spanish%20Speakers&g=0400000US35&hidePreview=true&tid=ACSST1Y2018.S1601&vintage=2018&layer=VT_2018_040_00_PY_D1&cid=S1601_C01_001E&moe=false

	New Mexico				
	Total	Percent	Percent of specified language speakers		
			Percent speak English only or speak English "very well"	Speak English less than "very well"	Percent speak English less than "very well"
	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate
✓ Population 5 years and over	1,976,934	(X)	90.4%	190,661	9.6%
Speak only English	1,303,370	65.9%	(X)	(X)	(X)
Speak a language other th...	673,564	34.1%	71.7%	190,661	28.3%
✓ SPEAK A LANGUAGE OT...					
^ Spanish	521,774	26.4%	71.3%	149,937	28.7%
^ Other Indo-European la...	20,577	1.0%	80.0%	4,123	20.0%
^ Asian and Pacific Islan...	20,774	1.1%	59.0%	8,525	41.0%
^ Other languages	110,439	5.6%	74.6%	28,076	25.4%

EJSCREEN Report (Version 2019)

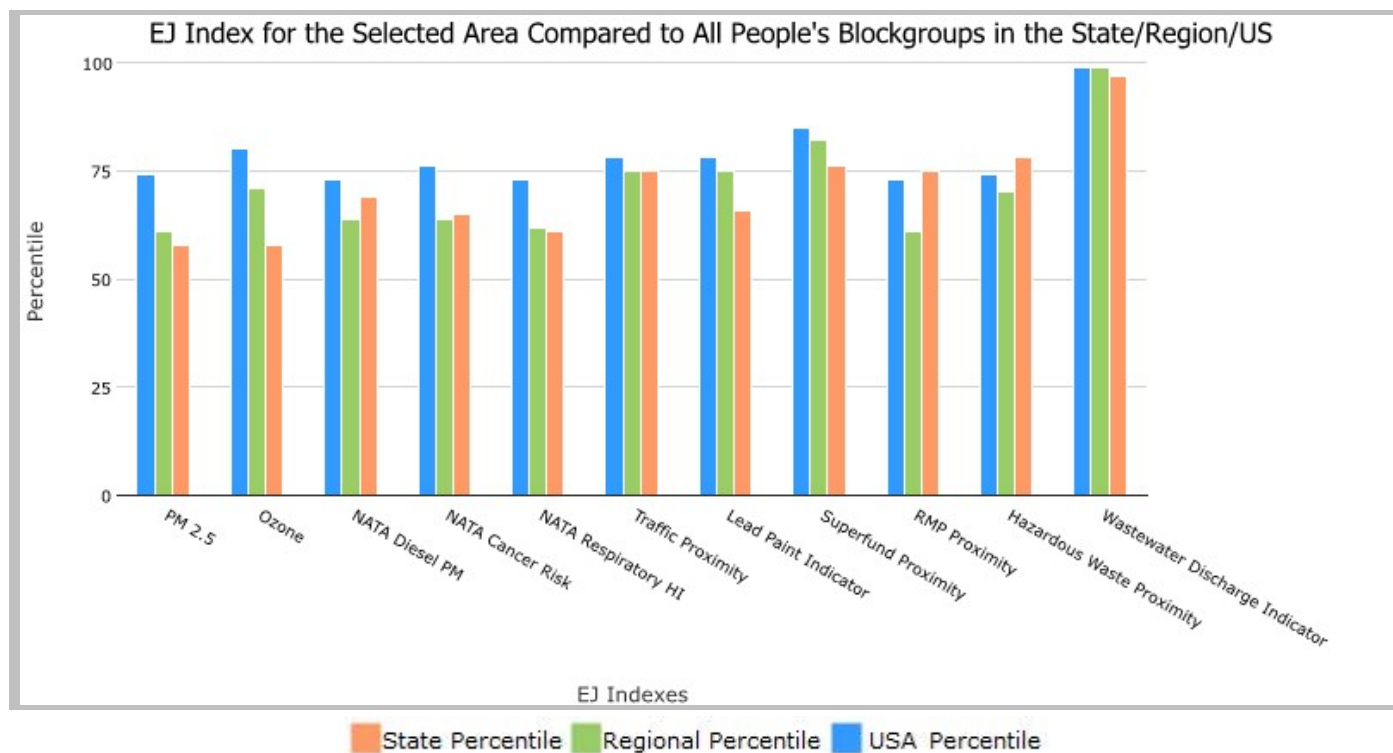
the User Specified Area, NEW MEXICO, EPA Region 6

Approximate Population: 2,089,136

Input Area (sq. miles): 122261.36

(The study area contains 2 blockgroup(s) with zero population.)

Selected Variables	State Percentile	EPA Region Percentile	USA Percentile
EJ Indexes			
EJ Index for PM2.5	58	61	74
EJ Index for Ozone	58	71	80
EJ Index for NATA* Diesel PM	69	64	73
EJ Index for NATA* Air Toxics Cancer Risk	65	64	76
EJ Index for NATA* Respiratory Hazard Index	61	62	73
EJ Index for Traffic Proximity and Volume	75	75	78
EJ Index for Lead Paint Indicator	66	75	78
EJ Index for Superfund Proximity	76	82	85
EJ Index for RMP Proximity	75	61	73
EJ Index for Hazardous Waste Proximity	78	70	74
EJ Index for Wastewater Discharge Indicator	97	99	99



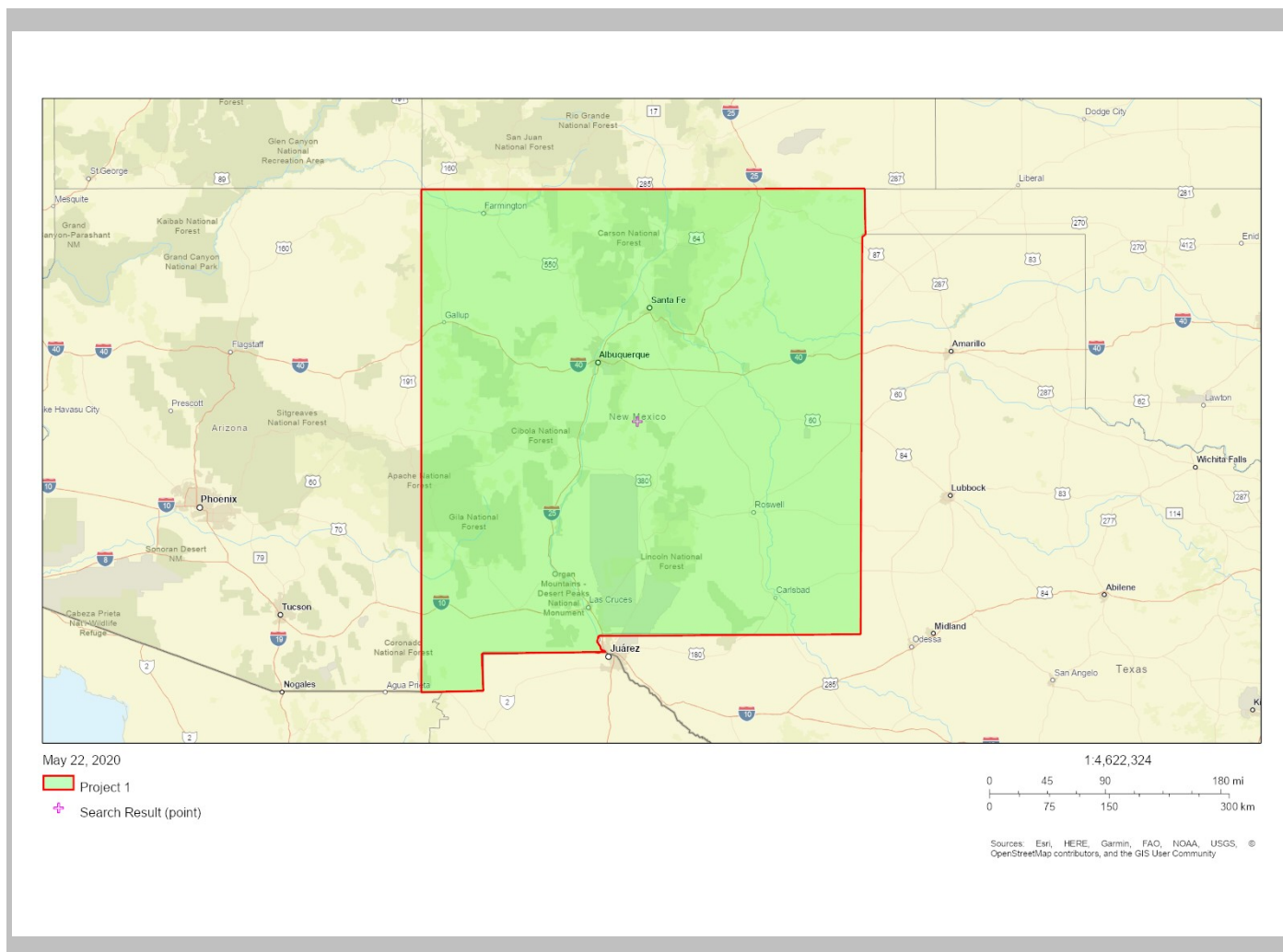
This report shows the values for environmental and demographic indicators and EJSCREEN indexes. It shows environmental and demographic raw data (e.g., the estimated concentration of ozone in the air), and also shows what percentile each raw data value represents. These percentiles provide perspective on how the selected block group or buffer area compares to the entire state, EPA region, or nation. For example, if a given location is at the 95th percentile nationwide, this means that only 5 percent of the US population has a higher block group value than the average person in the location being analyzed. The years for which the data are available, and the methods used, vary across these indicators. Important caveats and uncertainties apply to this screening-level information, so it is essential to understand the limitations on appropriate interpretations and applications of these indicators. Please see EJSCREEN documentation for discussion of these issues before using reports.

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EJSCREEN Report (Version 2019)

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Selected Variables	Value	State Avg.	%ile in State	EPA Region Avg.	%ile in EPA Region	USA Avg.	%ile in USA
Environmental Indicators							
Particulate Matter (PM 2.5 in $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	6.15	6.15	42	8.37	3	8.3	8
Ozone (ppb)	50.4	50.4	36	39.4	96	43	90
NATA* Diesel PM ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	0.281	0.281	60	0.401	<50th	0.479	<50th
NATA* Cancer Risk (lifetime risk per million)	24	24	54	36	<50th	32	<50th
NATA* Respiratory Hazard Index	0.32	0.32	52	0.45	<50th	0.44	<50th
Traffic Proximity and Volume (daily traffic count/distance to road)	360	360	72	400	72	750	61
Lead Paint Indicator (% Pre-1960 Housing)	0.18	0.18	66	0.17	70	0.28	50
Superfund Proximity (site count/km distance)	0.13	0.14	77	0.081	85	0.13	75
RMP Proximity (facility count/km distance)	0.24	0.24	76	0.82	39	0.74	43
Hazardous Waste Proximity (facility count/km distance)	0.46	0.46	75	0.75	60	4	50
Wastewater Discharge Indicator (toxicity-weighted concentration/m distance)	130	130	96	9.8	99	14	99
Demographic Indicators							
Demographic Index	52%	52%	51	44%	63	36%	75
Minority Population	62%	62%	49	51%	61	39%	74
Low Income Population	42%	42%	50	37%	60	33%	69
Linguistically Isolated Population	5%	5%	62	6%	65	4%	73
Population With Less Than High School Education	15%	15%	56	16%	55	13%	67
Population Under 5 years of age	6%	6%	54	7%	46	6%	55
Population over 64 years of age	16%	16%	58	13%	70	15%	61

* The National-Scale Air Toxics Assessment (NATA) is EPA's ongoing, comprehensive evaluation of air toxics in the United States. EPA developed the NATA to prioritize air toxics, emission sources, and locations of interest for further study. It is important to remember that NATA provides broad estimates of health risks over geographic areas of the country, not definitive risks to specific individuals or locations. More information on the NATA analysis can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/national-air-toxics-assessment>.

For additional information, see: www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice

EJSCREEN is a screening tool for pre-decisional use only. It can help identify areas that may warrant additional consideration, analysis, or outreach. It does not provide a basis for decision-making, but it may help identify potential areas of EJ concern. Users should keep in mind that screening tools are subject to substantial uncertainty in their demographic and environmental data, particularly when looking at small geographic areas. Important caveats and uncertainties apply to this screening-level information, so it is essential to understand the limitations on appropriate interpretations and applications of these indicators. Please see EJSCREEN documentation for discussion of these issues before using reports. This screening tool does not provide data on every environmental impact and demographic factor that may be relevant to a particular location. EJSCREEN outputs should be supplemented with additional information and local knowledge before taking any action to address potential EJ concerns.