

Legal Notice  
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Preliminary Determination for an Air Quality Permit for  
**U.S. Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration**

U.S. Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration at 3747 West Jemez Road, Los Alamos, NM has submitted an air quality permit application to the Air Quality Bureau (AQB), New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) for an air quality permit to modify Los Alamos National Security LLC. The application file has been assigned Permit No. 632-M1 and TEMPO Agency Interest No. 856. The exact location of the facility is/will be at latitude and longitude decimal degrees: 35.874167, -106.320278 Datum: NAD83. To aid in locating this facility, the approximate location is within and adjacent to the town of Los Alamos in Los Alamos County, NM.

The proposed modification will be at the Target Fabrication Facility (TA-35 Building 213) which is for beryllium machining. The modification will add two beryllium lathes (one lathe will function as backup) to the existing permitted lathe. At no time will more than two lathes operate at the same time. A sputtering coating operation will also be added. High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filters with a 99.95% control efficiency will continue to filter the exhaust from the operation.

Total air pollutant emissions of beryllium (Be) particulate matter to the atmosphere are estimated to be approximately: 0.0000625 grams per hour (0.00000014 pounds per hour), this represents a decrease of 2.9 times from the previous permitted hourly limit; 0.0015 grams per 24 hours (0.0000033 pounds per 24 hours), this will be a newly permitted daily limit, which is far below the federal standard of 10 grams per 24 hours per 40 CFR 61, Subpart C, at 61.32(a); and 0.357 grams per year (0.000000394 tons per year), which is the same limit as currently permitted. There are no changes to emissions of nitrogen oxides, carbon dioxide, sulfur oxides, volatile organic compounds (VOC), or particulate matter (PM). These emission estimates could change slightly during the course of the Department's review of the application.

The NMED has conducted a preliminary review of the information submitted with the permit application. The preliminary review and applicant's analysis of ambient air quality impacts indicates that the facility's air emissions will meet the federal hazardous air pollutant standard for beryllium particulate matter at 40 CFR 61, Subpart C, at 61.32(a). A full review will evaluate the estimated emission rates for the pollutants listed in this public notice and determine compliance with air quality requirements and standards.

Based on the applicant's analysis, a preliminary determination is that this facility will comply with the requirements of Title 20, New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC), Chapter 2, Parts 3, 72, 73, 75 and 78; 40 CFR 50; 40 CFR 61 Subpart C; and the New Mexico Air Quality Control Act. Therefore, the preliminary intent of NMED is to issue the air quality permit on or before April 21, 2022.

To ensure compliance with state and federal air regulations, the permit is expected to include conditions that limit the emissions of beryllium particulate matter, continue implementation of HEPA filtration controls, monitoring of filter performance, and conditions that will require record keeping and reporting to the Department.

Due to the public health emergency order, certain NMED offices are closed to the public. The permit application is being made available for review at the NMED Espanola Field Office, 712 La Joya St., Espanola, NM, 87532, and is available for review on the AQB Public Notices of Permitting Actions website [www.env.nm.gov/public-notice](http://www.env.nm.gov/public-notice).

All interested persons have thirty (30) days from the date this notice is published, to notify the Department in writing of their interest in the permit application. The written comments should refer to the company name, facility name and Permit No. (or send a copy of this notice along with your comments). The written comments shall state the nature of the issues raised and how it relates to the requirements of applicable state and federal air quality regulations and the Clean Air Act. The written comments should be mailed to Jim Nellessen, New Mexico Environment Dept., Air Quality Bureau, Permit Section, 525 Camino de los Marquez Suite 1, Santa Fe, NM 87505-1816, or submitted by email to [James.Nellessen@state.nm.us](mailto:James.Nellessen@state.nm.us).

The Department will notify all persons, who have provided written comments as to when and where the Department's analysis may be reviewed. Although all written comments will be made part of the public record, any person who does not express interest in writing before the end of this first thirty (30) day period will not receive such notification.

If the Department receives written public comment before the end of the Department's thirty (30) day public notice, the Department's analysis will be made available for review for thirty (30) days at the NMED district or field office nearest to the source before the permit will be issued. Written comments on the analysis or permit application may be submitted to the Department during this second thirty (30) day period or at any time before the permit is issued or denied.

Questions or comments not intended to be part of the public record can be directed to Jim Nellessen at 505-629-6283. General information about air quality and the permitting process can be found at the Air Quality Bureau's web site. The regulation dealing with public participation in the permit review process is 20.2.72.206 NMAC. This regulation can be found in the "Permits" section of this web site. Este es un aviso de la oficina de Calidad del Aire del Departamento del Medio Ambiente de Nuevo México, acerca de las emisiones producidas por un establecimiento en esta área. Si usted desea información en español, por favor comuníquese con esa oficina al teléfono 505-372-8373.

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