



**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN (PIP)**  
**Air Quality Bureau Air Permit Application**

Version01.17.23

Date: February 8, 2023

Applicant: Camino Real Environmental Center, Inc.

Facility Name: Camino Real Landfill

Air Quality Permit Application Number: P186LR4

Location: This facility is located at 1000 Camino Real Blvd. Sunland Park, in Dona Ana County, New Mexico.

Latitude: 31.795447

Longitude: -106.592022

**1. Overview of Air Quality Bureau's plan of action for addressing the community's needs and concerns for processing Air Quality Permit Applications:**

The New Mexico Environment Department (Department), Air Quality Bureau (AQB) developed this Public Involvement Plan (PIP) for the processing of air quality permit applications in accordance with the requirements at 20.2.70 NMAC for this facility. This air quality regulation does require public participation outreach throughout different stages of the permitting process. The AQB will meet the public participation requirements by following this PIP, which includes all applicable policy, regulatory and statutory public participation requirements.

In developing this PIP, community participation needs for this permitting action were assessed to ensure appropriate promotion of public outreach by identifying whether there is a combination of environmental and demographic factors (i.e., low income community, minority community, limited English proficiency individuals, Linguistically Isolated Households, etc.) that may impact public participation. This assessment identifies community outreach needs and provides for public access opportunities above and beyond statutorily mandated requirements, and underscores the provision of adequate public access to information about this permit application.

As much as possible, public participation and informational activities related to this permit application will be held within the regulatory timelines outlined below.

- a. AQB regulations at 20.2.70 NMAC require that the application must be ruled complete or incomplete no more than 60 days after receipt. The AQB will publish a public notice for this application in a newspaper of general circulation in the area closest to the location of the facility, when the draft permit is issued for comment. See section 4.c below for more information.

The public notice contains a paragraph in Spanish directing Spanish speaking interested parties to call the AQB at (505) 629-3395 to speak to Spanish speaking staff for additional information regarding this permitting action.

- b. Normally the AQB would provide a copy of the public notice, the air quality permit application, and this PIP to the Las Cruces NMED field office, but due to current Covid-19 access restrictions for protection of both public employees and the protection of the general public these materials are instead available on the NMED website (see section 2.a).

- c. AQB regulations require that the public notice be sent to interested parties maintained on a mailing list. See Section 4.b below for more information.
- d. AQB regulations require that the public notice be sent to the “affected programs” as defined at 20.2.70 NMAC. See Section 4.e below for more information.
- e. In accordance with the evaluation of the site location and associated demographics, public notice shall be published in both, English and Spanish.
- f. Public notice shall be followed by a 30-day public comment period that starts on the day that the notice is published in the newspaper. See Section 4.g below for details.
- g. AQB regulations require that the permit must be issued, issued subject to conditions, or denied within eighteen (18) months after the department deems the application administratively complete.

**2. Contact list of AQB staff with phone numbers and email addresses:**

**a. AQB contact for questions about this application or PIP (included in public notices and outreach materials):**

Julia Kuhn  
New Mexico Environment Department  
Air Quality Bureau  
525 Camino de los Marquez, Suite 1  
Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87505  
505-629-2893  
[Julia.Kuhn@env.nm.gov](mailto:Julia.Kuhn@env.nm.gov)

Electronic copies will be available at the following link, which will be included in public notices and outreach materials as appropriate: <https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/>.

**b. Non-English Language Speaker Assistance and Accommodations**

The AQB may hold public meetings, open houses, stakeholder meetings, and/or a formal hearing depending on the interest in the application. Language assistance services may be arranged for translation of documents for meetings, for translators during meetings and for obtaining services for persons with disabilities. A phone-based interpretation service may be available for languages other than English.

**3. Description of the community/stakeholder groups:**

To provide for adequate public participation opportunities and meaningful involvement of persons regarding this permit application and to address potential or existing environmental justice areas, the affected communities must first be identified, informed about proposed environmental actions affecting the community, and invited to share their comments and concerns. The EJSCREEN tool developed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) helps identify communities that are low income and minority populations that may benefit from a variety of approaches for notification and outreach communication.

Using the default 4-mile radius from the facility, the results of the EJScreen ACS Summary Report (attached) are listed in the table below. [<https://ejscreen.epa.gov/mapper/>]

Population and Income Data			
Total Population:	40,027	Per capita income of community (2016-2020):	\$27,782
People of Color Population, %:	85	US Per Capita Income*:	\$37,638
Total number of households:	13,781	Total Number (and Percent) of Linguistically Isolated Households:	3,864 (28%)

\*US Per Capita Income 2017-2021; <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/US/INC910219>

Population by Race, %		Population by Ability to Speak English, %	
White	70	Speak Only English	29
Black	1	Non-English at Home	71
American Indian	1	Speak English "very well"	35
Asian	2	Speak English "well"	19
Pacific Islander	0	Speak English "not well"	7
Some Other Race	14	Speak English "not at all"	10
Two or More Races	12	Speak English "less than very well"	36

Linguistically Isolated Household Details, %		List other Languages (if applicable)
Speak Spanish	96	////////////////////////////////////
Speak Other Indo-European Languages	2	
Speak Asian Pacific Island Languages	2	
Speak Other Languages	0	

In addition, the following community or stakeholder groups have been identified:

City of Sunland Park – Colonia.

WildEarth Guardians.

History of public involvement in air permitting during the last 10 years: none.

It is important for the AQB to incorporate the linguistic and communication needs of this community when conducting public outreach and participation activities. To help accomplish this, the AQB will provide information in English and in Spanish, in public comment notices, public meeting notices (if applicable), and other announcements (radio broadcasts, brochures, signs, postcards, etc.) and strive to make public participation efforts as inclusive as possible within AQB budget and time limitations.

Under normal circumstances the Las Cruces NMED Field Office would serve as an access area for the AQB to leave hard copies of important documents and information about how to comment on this permit application, but due to Covid-19 restrictions to protect both the general public and public employees, materials will not be available in hard copy, but can be found on the AQB webpage (see Section 2.a above).

**4. Detailed actions and outreach activities the AQB Permitting Section will take to reach the affected public:**

**a. Overview**

Based on the demographics report discussed in the PIP, the history of public involvement at the facility and the facility background, basic information about public involvement opportunities will be in both English and Spanish. This information will include how to request materials in Spanish or to speak with AQB staff through an interpreter. Further details about public participation for this activity are outlined below.

**The AQB maintains information regarding this air quality permit application at the following locations:**

- i. **On the Air Quality Bureau website, see Section 2.a above. [Due to Covid-19 restrictions materials will not be available at ii and iii below but will be available on the website] At the District Office listed in Section 1.b above.**
- ii. **At the main office location:**  
New Mexico Environment Department  
Air Quality Bureau  
525 Camino de los Marquez, Suite 1  
Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87505

**b. Postal Mailing or E-Mailing of Notices to Persons on the Facility-Specific Mailing List**

AQB regulations require notification to persons who have expressed interest in applications. The AQB maintains a mailing list that includes individuals interested in permit applications from particular facilities or geographic areas. Notifications may be sent through physical mail and/or an email.

The list also includes addresses of states, local air pollution control programs, and Indian tribes and pueblos, that are within 50 miles of the source.

**c. Notices in the State Newspaper and Local Newspapers**

The public notice for this permit application will be published in English and Spanish in the Legal Section of the Albuquerque Journal newspaper.

The website for the Albuquerque Journal is listed below: Albuquerque Journal:

<http://www.abqjournal.com/>.

**d. Mailing to the Governor or President of Indian Tribes, Pueblos or Nations**

AQB regulations and the evaluation of the facility location and associated demographics, require notification to Tribes, Pueblos or Nations about this permit application for facilities located within a specified distance.

There are no Tribes, Pueblos, or Nations within 50 miles of this facility.

**e. Affected Local, State, or Federal Government Agencies, and Active Land Grants**

AQB regulations require identifying and notifying local, state or federal government agencies about this permit application.

The following affected Local, State, or Federal Government Agencies will be notified by email:

-US EPA Region VI, Elizabeth (Mary) Layton at [r6airpermits@epa.gov](mailto:r6airpermits@epa.gov) & [layton.mary@epa.gov](mailto:layton.mary@epa.gov)

-Sunland Park, Julia Brown City Manager [julia.brown@sunlandpark-nm.gov](mailto:julia.brown@sunlandpark-nm.gov). The landfill is located in the City of Sunland Park which is also designated as a Colonia by Doña Ana County.

-State of Texas

The NM Atlas map shows Santa Teresa land grant within the 4-mile radius circle. There is no contact information available for this land grant.

**f. Public Meeting Notices, Public Comment Notices, and Other Notices**

AQB may hold public meetings, open houses, stakeholder meetings, and/or a formal hearing depending on the interest in the application. Based on historical information and the results of the initial screening, there is no public meeting planned at this time for this permit application. If it is determined that a public meeting will be required, notice will be provided to the community as follows:

- 1) Via a newspaper of general circulation in the area closest to the location of the facility.
- 2) Locations commonly frequented by the general public, such as a nearby post office, public library, or city hall.
- 3) All persons and organizations that have expressed interest and are on a list maintained by AQB.
- 4) Via a public service announcement to at least one radio or television station which serves the municipality or county in which the source is or is proposed to be located.
- 5) The notices will be translated for non-English speaking participants, if required.
- 6) The notices will include information for requesting accommodations for those with disabilities as listed in item 2b above.

AQB will locate an appropriate venue based on the availability to the community to access the meeting, and the specific needs of the affected community (e.g. size of community, community locations, impacts, etc.).

AQB may reschedule the meeting due to inclement weather. If rescheduled, AQB will provide as much advance notice as possible and reschedule for an appropriate time and date.

Meetings will be scheduled to make them as accessible and user-friendly as practical, considering work schedules, dinner hours and other community commitments. To the extent possible, the meeting will be held at a location that is local and convenient, and meet American with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. In addition, whenever practical and appropriate, translators for limited-English speaking communities, or assistance for hearing-impaired individuals may be available. Information in public notices for a public meeting will adhere to AQB regulations, statutes and policies.

**g. Public Comment Periods**

AQB regulations require that thirty (30) days shall be provided for public and affected program comment on the draft permit.

The PIP has been reviewed and approved by the AQB Bureau Chief.

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For Liz Bisbey-Kuehn  
Bureau Chief  
Air Quality Bureau  
Attachments: EJSCREEN Printout

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Date approved

Location: User-specified point center at 31.795447, -106.592022  
 Ring (buffer): 4-miles radius  
 Description: Camino Real Landfill

Summary of ACS Estimates		2016 - 2020
Population		40,027
Population Density (per sq. mile)		1,136
People of Color Population		34,179
% People of Color Population		85%
Households		13,781
Housing Units		15,422
Housing Units Built Before 1950		535
Per Capita Income		27,782
Land Area (sq. miles) (Source: SF1)		35.22
% Land Area		99%
Water Area (sq. miles) (Source: SF1)		0.35
% Water Area		1%

	2016 - 2020 ACS Estimates	Percent	MOE (±)
<b>Population by Race</b>			
Total	40,027	100%	1,395
Population Reporting One Race	35,107	88%	2,455
White	27,991	70%	881
Black	464	1%	134
American Indian	205	1%	94
Asian	680	2%	263
Pacific Islander	83	0%	301
Some Other Race	5,685	14%	782
Population Reporting Two or More Races	4,919	12%	1,306
Total Hispanic Population	32,458	81%	1,390
Total Non-Hispanic Population	7,568		
White Alone	5,848	15%	373
Black Alone	368	1%	134
American Indian Alone	166	0%	94
Non-Hispanic Asian Alone	671	2%	263
Pacific Islander Alone	83	0%	301
Other Race Alone	60	0%	82
Two or More Races Alone	373	1%	365
<b>Population by Sex</b>			
Male	18,952	47%	693
Female	21,074	53%	935
<b>Population by Age</b>			
Age 0-4	2,935	7%	454
Age 0-17	10,920	27%	589
Age 18+	29,107	73%	638
Age 65+	6,080	15%	276

**Data Note:** Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Hispanic population can be of any race.

N/A means not available. **Source:** U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 2016 - 2020

Location: User-specified point center at 31.795447, -106.592022

Ring (buffer): 4-miles radius

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	2016 - 2020 ACS Estimates	Percent	MOE (±)
<b>Population 25+ by Educational Attainment</b>			
Total	24,590	100%	708
Less than 9th Grade	3,677	15%	322
9th - 12th Grade, No Diploma	1,714	7%	155
High School Graduate	5,410	22%	304
Some College, No Degree	4,392	18%	373
Associate Degree	1,400	6%	214
Bachelor's Degree or more	7,997	33%	427
<b>Population Age 5+ Years by Ability to Speak English</b>			
Total	37,092	100%	1,105
Speak only English	10,780	29%	541
Non-English at Home <sup>1+2+3+4</sup>	26,312	71%	895
<sup>1</sup> Speak English "very well"	13,094	35%	693
<sup>2</sup> Speak English "well"	6,926	19%	485
<sup>3</sup> Speak English "not well"	2,543	7%	317
<sup>4</sup> Speak English "not at all"	3,750	10%	747
<sup>3+4</sup> Speak English "less than well"	6,293	17%	759
<sup>2+3+4</sup> Speak English "less than very well"	13,219	36%	804
<b>Linguistically Isolated Households*</b>			
Total	3,864	100%	247
Speak Spanish	3,711	96%	246
Speak Other Indo-European Languages	79	2%	49
Speak Asian-Pacific Island Languages	75	2%	76
Speak Other Languages	0	0%	14
<b>Households by Household Income</b>			
Household Income Base	13,781	100%	420
< \$15,000	2,535	18%	171
\$15,000 - \$25,000	1,988	14%	221
\$25,000 - \$50,000	2,720	20%	258
\$50,000 - \$75,000	2,280	17%	396
\$75,000 +	4,257	31%	298
<b>Occupied Housing Units by Tenure</b>			
Total	13,781	100%	420
Owner Occupied	8,356	61%	410
Renter Occupied	5,425	39%	233
<b>Employed Population Age 16+ Years</b>			
Total	30,278	100%	761
In Labor Force	18,701	62%	685
Civilian Unemployed in Labor Force	834	3%	253
Not In Labor Force	11,577	38%	370

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N/A means not available. **Source:** U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS)

\*Households in which no one 14 and over speaks English "very well" or speaks English only.

Location: User-specified point center at 31.795447, -106.592022

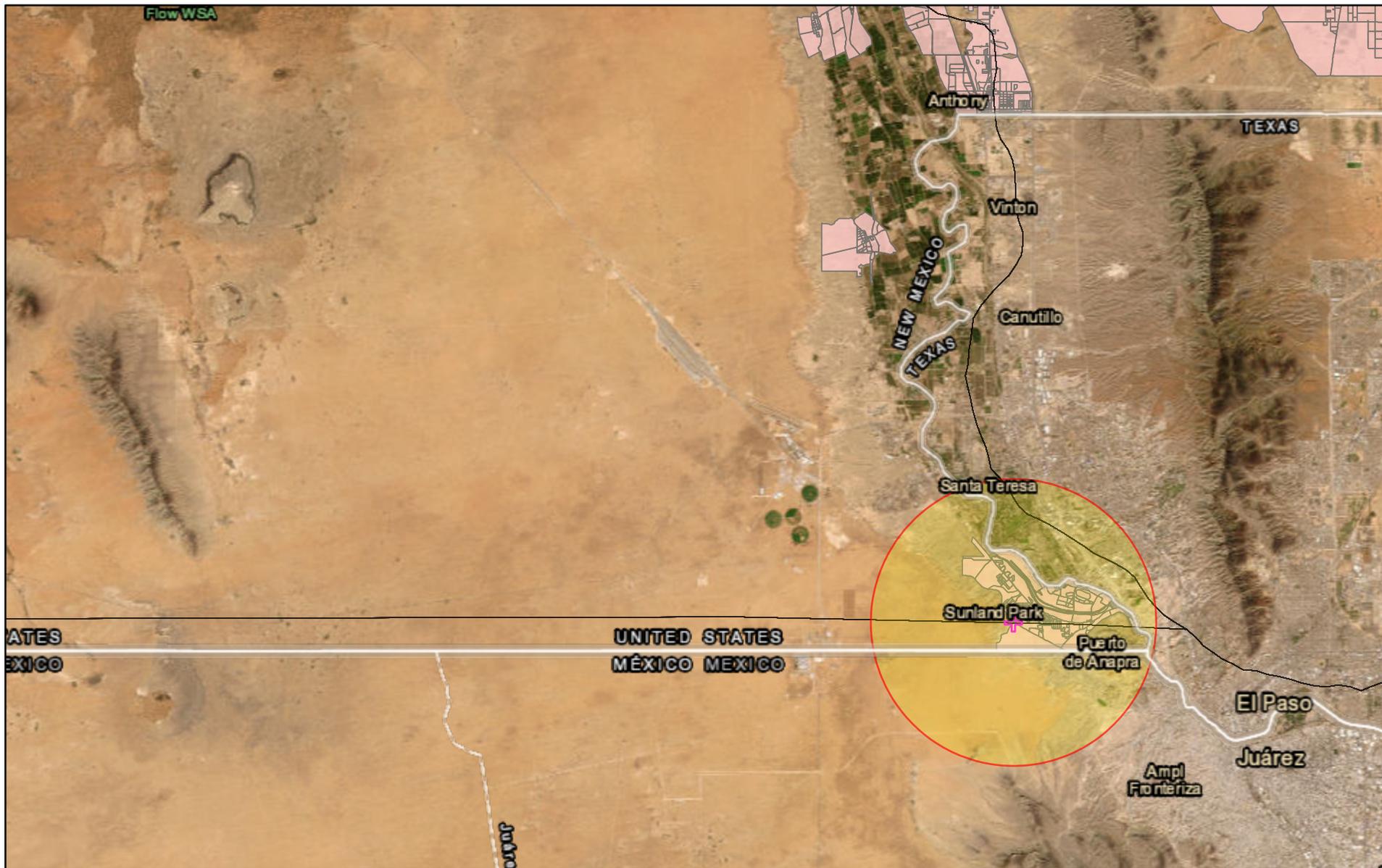
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	2016 - 2020 ACS Estimates	Percent	MOE (±)
<b>Population by Language Spoken at Home*</b>			
Total (persons age 5 and above)	37,318	100%	1,160
English	11,065	30%	650
Spanish	25,401	68%	1,153
French, Haitian, or Cajun	69	0%	96
German or other West Germanic	96	0%	63
Russian, Polish, or Other Slavic	12	0%	67
Other Indo-European	123	0%	113
Korean	16	0%	40
Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese)	240	1%	256
Vietnamese	60	0%	89
Tagalog (including Filipino)	47	0%	59
Other Asian and Pacific Island	57	0%	77
Arabic	11	0%	34
Other and Unspecified	119	0%	97
Total Non-English	26,253	70%	1,292

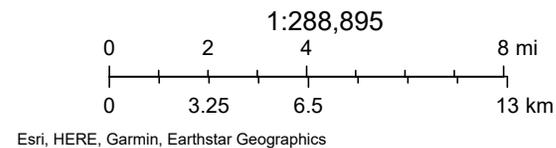
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\*Population by Language Spoken at Home is available at the census tract summary level and up.

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Colonias Map, 4-mile radius; PIP: Camino Real Landfill – P186LR4

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