



PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN (PIP)

Air Quality Bureau Air Permit Application

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Date: 2/22/2023

Applicant: Durango Midstream LLC - Frontier Field Services, LLC

Facility Name: Empire Abo Compressor Station

Air Quality Permit Application Number: P146-R4

Location: Approximately 10 miles southeast of Artesia, Eddy County, New Mexico

Latitude: 32.77611111

Longitude: -104.25944444

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 (as applicable) 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. The AQB will provide a copy of the Completion Letter w/Legal Notice, and just attachment B of the completion letter template that has links for someone to view the application and PIP on our Bureau website PN page to the NMED field office at :

Carlsbad
406 N. Guadalupe, Suite C

Carlsbad, NM 88220
Phone (575) 885-9023
Fax (575) 887-9283

- 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, no additional means for disseminating information are planned at this time.
- 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 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):

Urshula Bajracharya
New Mexico Environment Department
Air Quality Bureau
525 Camino de los Marquez, Suite 1
Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87505
505-629-8883
Urshula.Bajracharya@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 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:	70	Per capita income of community (2016-2020):	\$34,294
People of Color Population, %:	34	US Per Capita Income*:	\$37,638
Total number of households:	24	Total Number (and Percent) of Linguistically Isolated Households:	3 (12%)

*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	86	Speak Only English	74
Black	0	Non-English at Home	26
American Indian	2	Speak English "very well"	13
Asian	0	Speak English "well"	5
Pacific Islander	0	Speak English "not well"	8
Some Other Race	4	Speak English "not at all"	1
Two or More Races	7	Speak English "less than very well"	13

Linguistically Isolated Household Details, %		List other Languages (if applicable)
Speak Spanish	100	////////////////////////////////////
Speak Other Indo-European Languages		
Speak Asian Pacific Island Languages		
Speak Other Languages		

In addition, the following community or stakeholder groups have been identified: none.

History of public involvement in air permitting during the last 10 years: As discussed below.

The WildEarth Guardians commented on the NSR permit 0126-M11. However, the comments were received after the comment period ended and were not addressed further. No other history of public involvement was found.

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, 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. The Carlsbad Field Office will serve as access areas for the AQB to leave hard copies of important documents and information about how to comment on this permit application.

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 English. 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.**
- ii. **At the District Office listed in Section 1.b above.**
- iii. **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 in the Legal Section of the Carlsbad Current Argus newspaper.

Website for this publication is English: <http://www.currentargus.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

There is a Riverside colonias within 4 miles of the facility.

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.

For Liz Bisbey-Kuehn
Bureau Chief
Air Quality Bureau

Date approved

Attachments: EJSCREEN Printout

Location: User-specified point center at 32.776111, -104.259444

Ring (buffer): 4-miles radius

Description: Empire Abo

Summary of ACS Estimates		2016 - 2020		
Population		70		
Population Density (per sq. mile)		1		
People of Color Population		24		
% People of Color Population		34%		
Households		24		
Housing Units		28		
Housing Units Built Before 1950		4		
Per Capita Income		34,294		
Land Area (sq. miles) (Source: SF1)		52.76		
% Land Area		99%		
Water Area (sq. miles) (Source: SF1)		0.27		
% Water Area		1%		
		2016 - 2020 ACS Estimates	Percent	MOE (±)
Population by Race				
Total		70	100%	628
Population Reporting One Race		65	93%	882
White		60	86%	630
Black		0	0%	29
American Indian		2	2%	77
Asian		0	0%	13
Pacific Islander		0	0%	13
Some Other Race		3	4%	120
Population Reporting Two or More Races		5	7%	333
Total Hispanic Population		22	31%	593
Total Non-Hispanic Population		48		
White Alone		46	66%	634
Black Alone		0	0%	29
American Indian Alone		2	2%	77
Non-Hispanic Asian Alone		0	0%	13
Pacific Islander Alone		0	0%	13
Other Race Alone		0	0%	13
Two or More Races Alone		1	1%	66
Population by Sex				
Male		30	42%	348
Female		40	58%	503
Population by Age				
Age 0-4		5	7%	118
Age 0-17		19	27%	276
Age 18+		51	73%	347
Age 65+		10	14%	115

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

EJSCREEN ACS Summary Report



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	2016 - 2020 ACS Estimates	Percent	MOE (±)
Population 25+ by Educational Attainment			
Total	47	100%	418
Less than 9th Grade	5	11%	87
9th - 12th Grade, No Diploma	6	12%	152
High School Graduate	14	29%	178
Some College, No Degree	9	19%	160
Associate Degree	6	12%	158
Bachelor's Degree or more	8	17%	114
Population Age 5+ Years by Ability to Speak English			
Total	65	100%	621
Speak only English	48	74%	484
Non-English at Home ¹⁺²⁺³⁺⁴	17	26%	400
¹ Speak English "very well"	8	13%	295
² Speak English "well"	3	5%	107
³ Speak English "not well"	5	8%	253
⁴ Speak English "not at all"	1	1%	27
³⁺⁴ Speak English "less than well"	6	9%	253
²⁺³⁺⁴ Speak English "less than very well"	9	13%	274
Linguistically Isolated Households*			
Total	3	100%	68
Speak Spanish	3	100%	67
Speak Other Indo-European Languages	0	0%	13
Speak Asian-Pacific Island Languages	0	0%	13
Speak Other Languages	0	0%	13
Households by Household Income			
Household Income Base	24	100%	207
< \$15,000	2	7%	65
\$15,000 - \$25,000	1	6%	75
\$25,000 - \$50,000	5	20%	93
\$50,000 - \$75,000	3	12%	164
\$75,000 +	13	55%	138
Occupied Housing Units by Tenure			
Total	24	100%	207
Owner Occupied	21	87%	183
Renter Occupied	3	13%	73
Employed Population Age 16+ Years			
Total	53	100%	435
In Labor Force	32	60%	286
Civilian Unemployed in Labor Force	4	8%	144
Not In Labor Force	21	40%	229

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

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.

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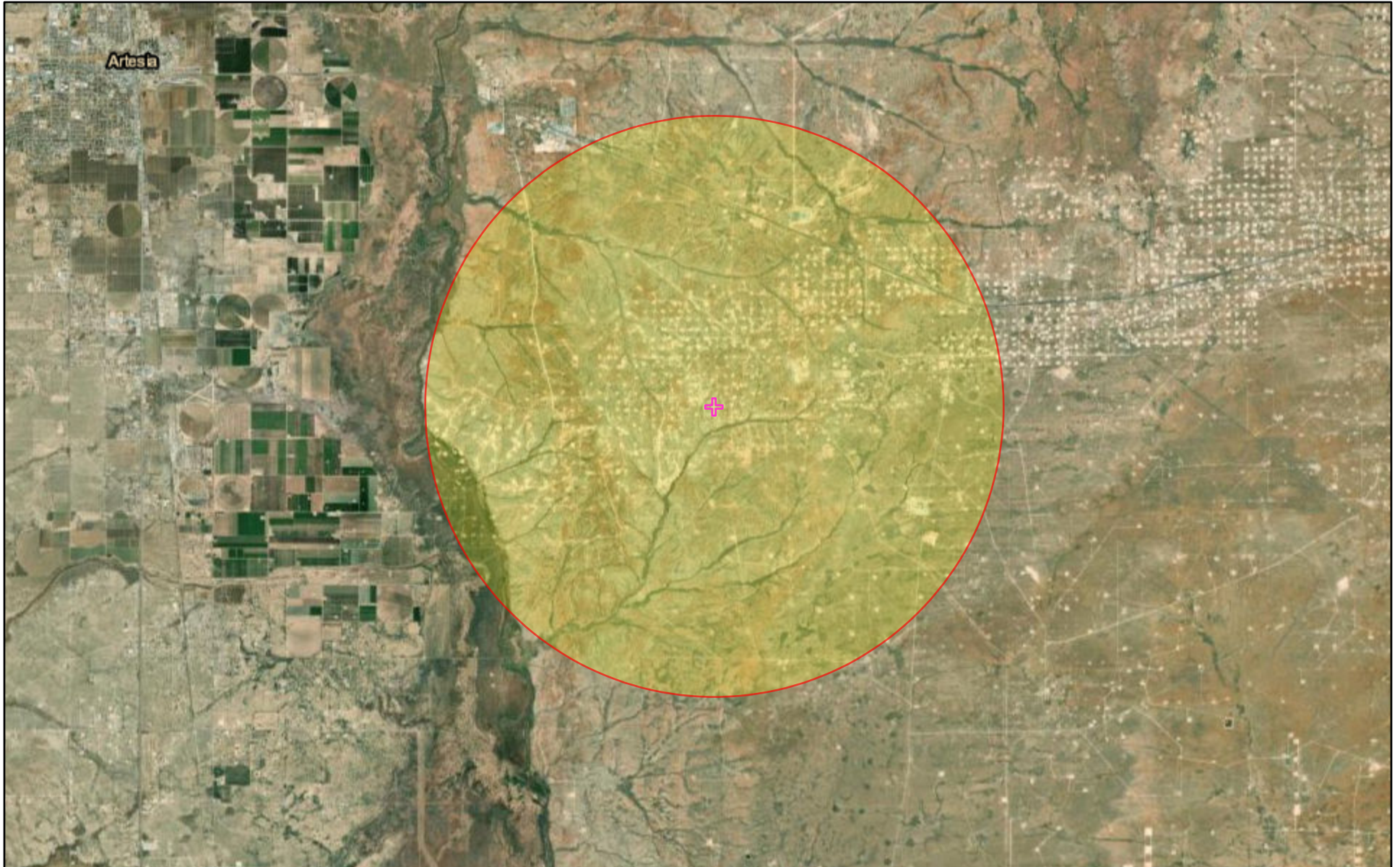
	2016 - 2020 ACS Estimates	Percent	MOE (±)
Population by Language Spoken at Home*			
Total (persons age 5 and above)	1,632	100%	845
English	1,046	64%	653
Spanish	573	35%	654
French, Haitian, or Cajun	0	0%	18
German or other West Germanic	0	0%	18
Russian, Polish, or Other Slavic	0	0%	18
Other Indo-European	0	0%	18
Korean	0	0%	18
Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese)	0	0%	18
Vietnamese	0	0%	18
Tagalog (including Filipino)	2	0%	14
Other Asian and Pacific Island	0	0%	18
Arabic	0	0%	18
Other and Unspecified	11	1%	61
Total Non-English	586	36%	1,068

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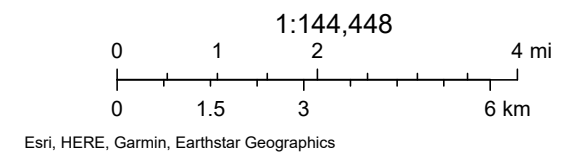
*Population by Language Spoken at Home is available at the census tract summary level and up.

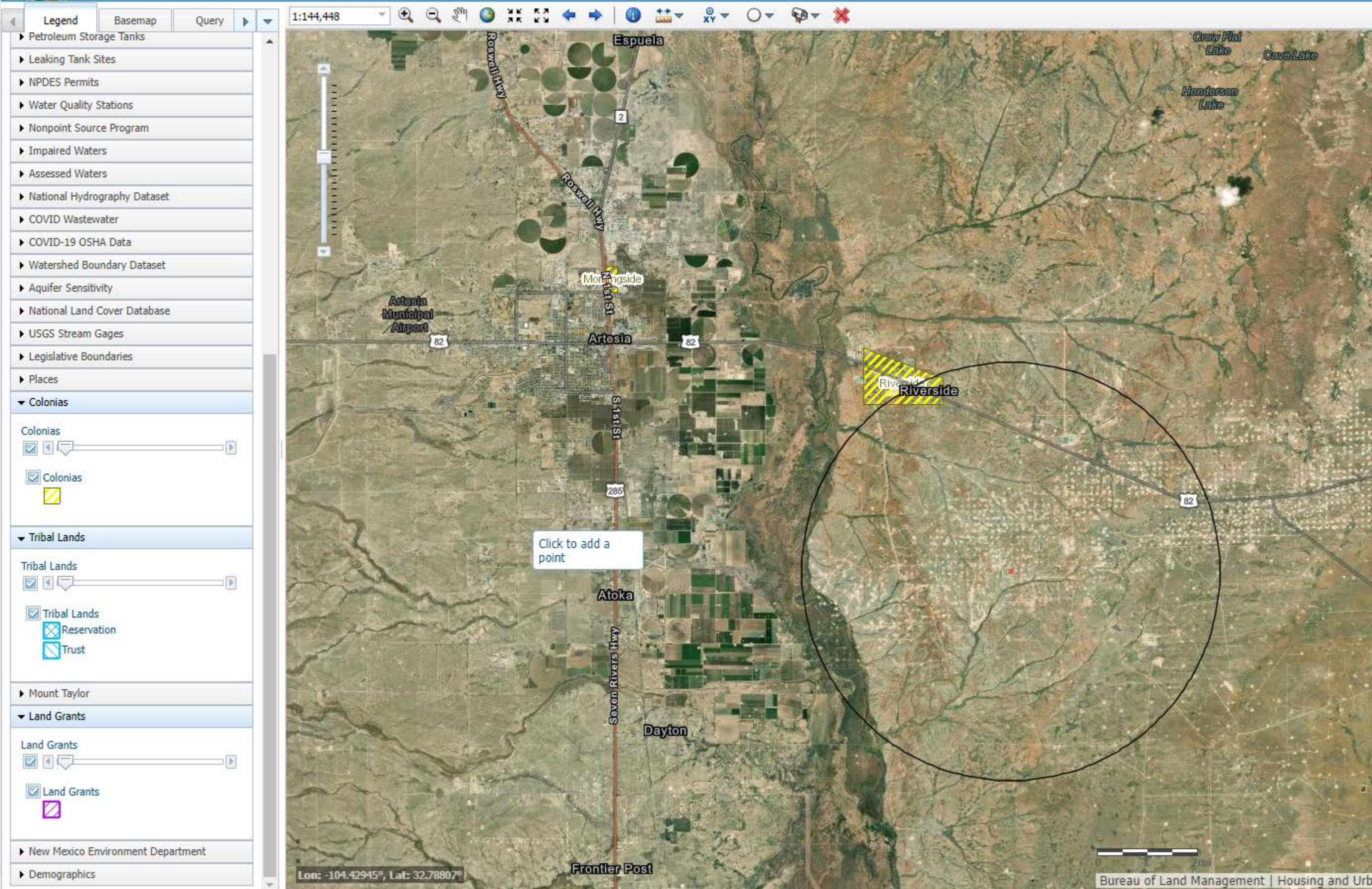
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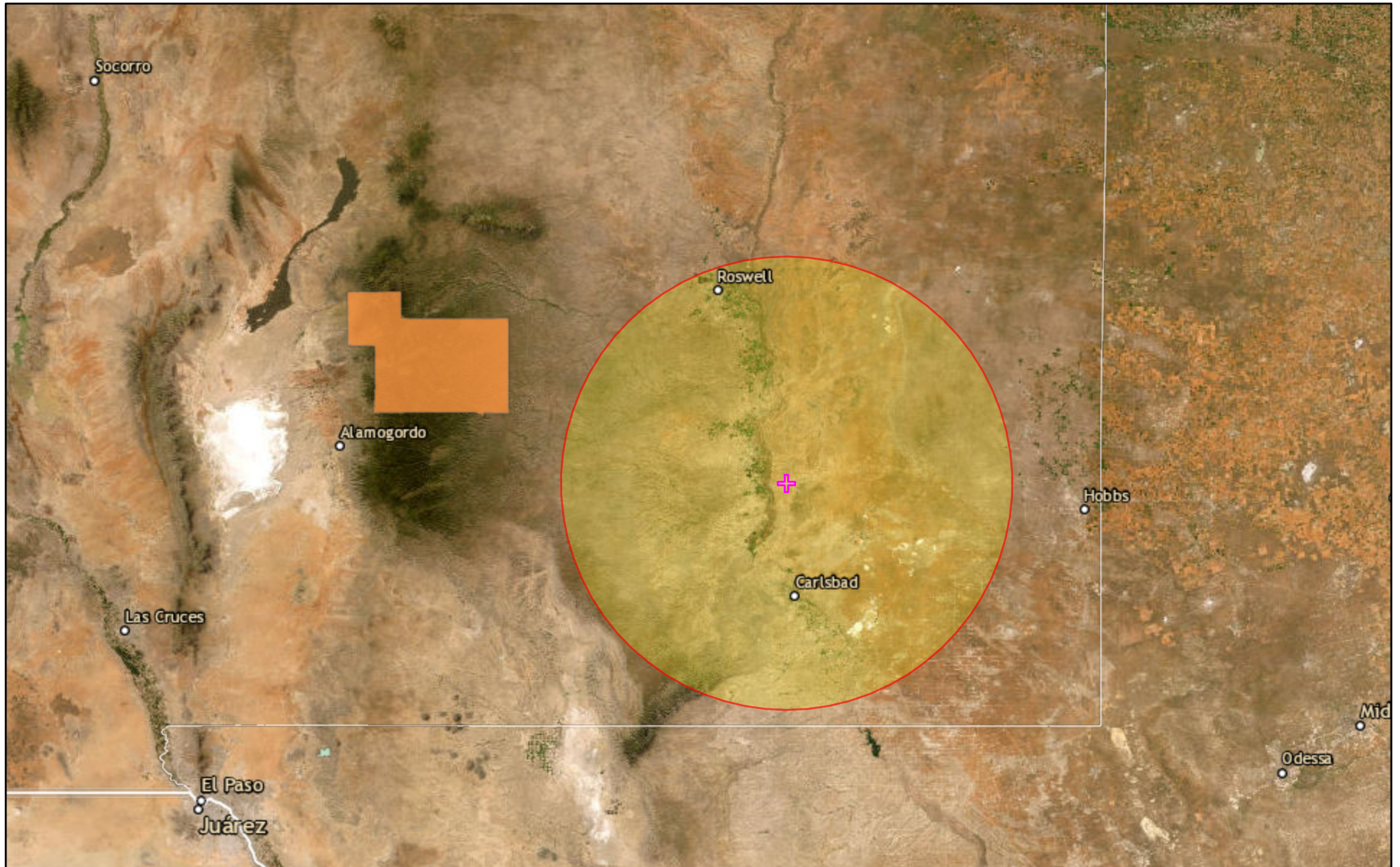
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-  American Indian Reservations
-  Off-reservation Trust Lands

