



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

Version 02.17.23

Date: March 12, 2023

Applicant: Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM)

Facility Name: La Luz Energy Center

Air Quality Permit Application Number: Title V Permit P263-R1

Location: Approximately 3.9 mi SW of Belen in Valencia County, NM

Latitude: 34.616194

Longitude: -106.815

**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. 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:

**Los Lunas**  
475 Courthouse Rd Suite B

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Phone (505) 259-8295

- 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 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):**

Joseph Kimbrell  
New Mexico Environment Department  
Air Quality Bureau  
525 Camino de los Marquez, Suite 1  
Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87505  
505-269-2718  
[joseph.kimbrell@env.nm.gov](mailto:joseph.kimbrell@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/>]

<b>Population and Income Data</b>			
Total Population:	7,112	Per capita income of community (2016-2020):	\$23,386
People of Color Population, %:	74	US Per Capita Income*:	\$37,638
Total number of households:	2,672	Total Number (and Percent) of Linguistically Isolated Households:	57 (2.1%)

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

<b>Population by Race, %</b>		<b>Population by Ability to Speak English, %</b>	
White	73	Speak Only English	64
Black	1	Non-English at Home	36
American Indian	2	Speak English "very well"	29
Asian	0	Speak English "well"	4
Pacific Islander	0	Speak English "not well"	3
Some Other Race	12	Speak English "not at all"	0
Two or More Races	12	Speak English "less than very well"	7

<b>Linguistically Isolated Household Details, %</b>		<b>List other Languages (if applicable)</b>
Speak Spanish	100	////////////////////////////////////
Speak Other Indo-European Languages	0	
Speak Asian Pacific Island Languages	0	
Speak Other Languages	0	

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

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, 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 Los Lunas NMED 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 following newspaper.

Websites for this publications is: English: <http://www.abqjournal.com/>

Belen, NM News Bulletin: English: <http://www.news-bulletin.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.

Eugenia Quintana Navajo Nation EPA PO Box 529 NNEPA-Air Quality Control Program Fort Defiance, AZ 86504 <a href="mailto:airquality@navajo-nns.gov">airquality@navajo-nns.gov</a>
Greg Jojola PO Box 194 Pueblo of Laguna , NM 87026 <a href="mailto:gjojola@lagunapueblo-nns.gov">gjojola@lagunapueblo-nns.gov</a>

Ruben Lucero IPublic Services - Environment Division PO Box 1270 Pueblo of Isleta, NM 87022 <a href="mailto:Ruben.Lucero@isletapueblo.com">Ruben.Lucero@isletapueblo.com</a>
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**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)

There are no Tribal Lands or Colonias within 4 miles of the facility.

The Tomé Land Grant will be contacted; Andrea Padilla, [acfanta@hotmail.com](mailto:acfanta@hotmail.com) or P.O. Box 304 Tome, NM 87060.

There is no contact information for the Belen Land Grant therefore the City of Belen will be contacted at Joshua Kerns, [joshua.kerns@belen-nm.gov](mailto:joshua.kerns@belen-nm.gov), or 100 S. Main St., Belen, New Mexico 87002

**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

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Date approved

Attachments: EJSCREEN Printout

Location: User-specified point center at 34.616195, -106.814999

Ring (buffer): 4-miles radius

Description: PNM-La Luz Energy, 34.616194, -106.815

Summary of ACS Estimates		2016 - 2020	
Population		7,112	
Population Density (per sq. mile)		151	
People of Color Population		5,291	
% People of Color Population		74%	
Households		2,672	
Housing Units		3,420	
Housing Units Built Before 1950		343	
Per Capita Income		23,386	
Land Area (sq. miles) (Source: SF1)		46.95	
% Land Area		100%	
Water Area (sq. miles) (Source: SF1)		0.04	
% Water Area		0%	

	2016 - 2020 ACS Estimates	Percent	MOE (±)
<b>Population by Race</b>			
Total	7,112	100%	1,149
Population Reporting One Race	6,228	88%	1,740
White	5,195	73%	1,066
Black	72	1%	103
American Indian	109	2%	83
Asian	0	0%	127
Pacific Islander	0	0%	13
Some Other Race	852	12%	348
Population Reporting Two or More Races	885	12%	424
Total Hispanic Population	5,039	71%	1,085
Total Non-Hispanic Population	2,074		
White Alone	1,821	26%	290
Black Alone	65	1%	103
American Indian Alone	58	1%	84
Non-Hispanic Asian Alone	0	0%	127
Pacific Islander Alone	0	0%	13
Other Race Alone	3	0%	16
Two or More Races Alone	125	2%	109
<b>Population by Sex</b>			
Male	3,621	51%	675
Female	3,491	49%	491
<b>Population by Age</b>			
Age 0-4	229	3%	141
Age 0-17	1,311	18%	275
Age 18+	5,802	82%	470
Age 65+	1,436	20%	291

**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

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	2016 - 2020 ACS Estimates	Percent	MOE (±)
<b>Population 25+ by Educational Attainment</b>			
Total	5,133	100%	770
Less than 9th Grade	311	6%	139
9th - 12th Grade, No Diploma	688	13%	143
High School Graduate	1,684	33%	396
Some College, No Degree	1,056	21%	162
Associate Degree	421	8%	99
Bachelor's Degree or more	973	19%	155
<b>Population Age 5+ Years by Ability to Speak English</b>			
Total	6,884	100%	1,092
Speak only English	4,417	64%	853
Non-English at Home <sup>1+2+3+4</sup>	2,466	36%	478
<sup>1</sup> Speak English "very well"	1,966	29%	372
<sup>2</sup> Speak English "well"	265	4%	156
<sup>3</sup> Speak English "not well"	206	3%	174
<sup>4</sup> Speak English "not at all"	29	0%	36
<sup>3+4</sup> Speak English "less than well"	235	3%	176
<sup>2+3+4</sup> Speak English "less than very well"	500	7%	234
<b>Linguistically Isolated Households*</b>			
Total	57	100%	46
Speak Spanish	57	100%	44
Speak Other Indo-European Languages	0	0%	13
Speak Asian-Pacific Island Languages	0	0%	13
Speak Other Languages	0	0%	13
<b>Households by Household Income</b>			
Household Income Base	2,672	100%	306
< \$15,000	557	21%	150
\$15,000 - \$25,000	311	12%	101
\$25,000 - \$50,000	737	28%	298
\$50,000 - \$75,000	457	17%	94
\$75,000 +	610	23%	176
<b>Occupied Housing Units by Tenure</b>			
Total	2,672	100%	306
Owner Occupied	2,123	79%	290
Renter Occupied	549	21%	202
<b>Employed Population Age 16+ Years</b>			
Total	5,998	100%	857
In Labor Force	2,604	43%	626
Civilian Unemployed in Labor Force	135	2%	149
Not In Labor Force	3,395	57%	322

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



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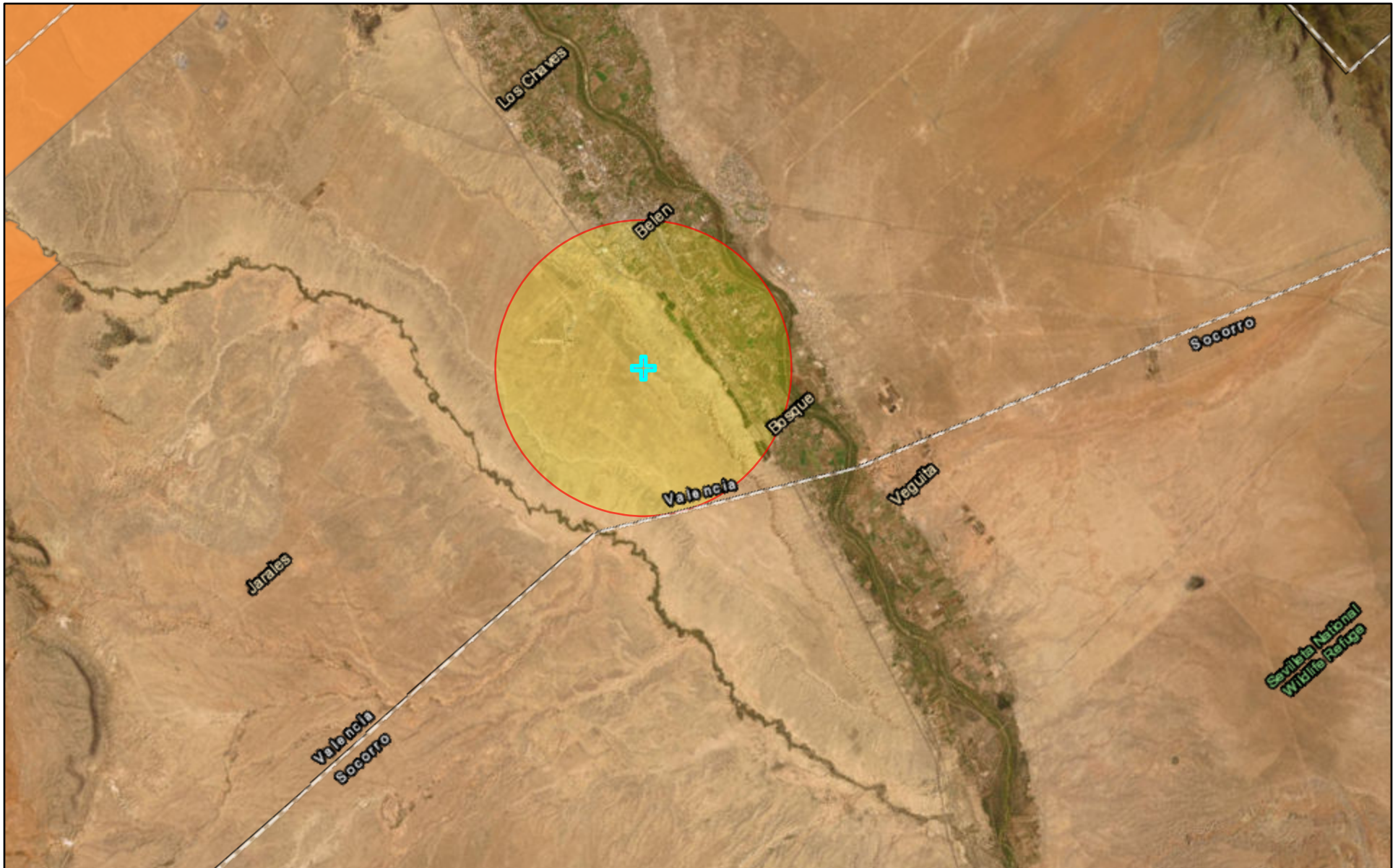
	2016 - 2020 ACS Estimates	Percent	MOE (±)
<b>Population by Language Spoken at Home*</b>			
Total (persons age 5 and above)	7,634	100%	1,118
English	5,182	68%	1,093
Spanish	2,352	31%	564
French, Haitian, or Cajun	0	0%	18
German or other West Germanic	41	1%	98
Russian, Polish, or Other Slavic	0	0%	18
Other Indo-European	0	0%	18
Korean	0	0%	18
Chinese (including Mandarin, Cantonese)	0	0%	18
Vietnamese	1	0%	18
Tagalog (including Filipino)	46	1%	127
Other Asian and Pacific Island	7	0%	18
Arabic	0	0%	18
Other and Unspecified	5	0%	18
Total Non-English	2,452	32%	1,564

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

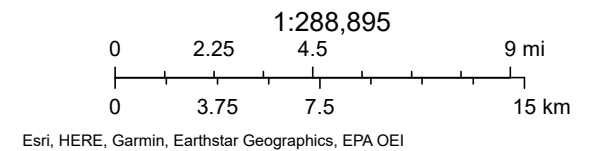
\*Population by Language Spoken at Home is available at the census tract summary level and up.

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