

Legal Notice  
For  
Air Quality Operating Permit  
for La Luz Energy Center of Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM)

Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM) at 2401 Aztec Rd NE MS Z100; Albuquerque, NM 87107 has submitted an air quality operating permit application to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) for an air quality operating permit for its La Luz Energy Center. The owner of this plant is Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM). The exact location of the facility is at latitude and longitude decimal degrees: 34.616194, -106.815 Datum: NAD83. To aid in locating this facility, the approximate location is 3.9 mi SW of Belen in Valencia County, NM. This application file has been assigned an Operating Permit Number P263R1 & AR2 and TEMPO Agency Interest ID No. 32274.

Previously, the facility received an air quality construction permit and is in operation. The function of the facility is to provide capacity for frequent and fast turbine startups needed to compensate for intermittent renewable generation such as wind and solar, as well as to satisfy critical future demand for peaking power, voltage regulation and load-shaping generation in the service area. The function of the facility is to provide power using two General Electric (GE) LM6000 PC Sprint™ simple-cycle gas turbines fired on natural gas and producing a nominal 42 megawatts (MW) of electricity each. The ancillary equipment will include two atmospheric 6,000-gallon vertical storage tanks for aqueous ammonia (i.e., one for each turbine), as well as pumps, water tanks, wastewater tanks, air compressors, and fin fan coolers.

This operating permit application is for a permit renewal. Per 20.2.70.401.C.(4) NMAC, this permitting action involves no changes to the Construction permit.  
There are no changes to the existing air emission limits in this permitting action.

The NMED has conducted a preliminary review of the information submitted with the permit application. This review included evaluation of the emission rates and applicable requirements to determine compliance.

The NMED has made a preliminary determination that this facility will comply with the requirements of Title 20, New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC), Chapter 2, Parts 3, 61, 72, 73, 75 and 77; 40 CFR 50; 40 CFR 60 Subparts KKKK, TTTT; and the New Mexico Air Quality Control Act. Therefore, the preliminary intent of NMED is to issue the air quality operating permit on or before October 7, 2023.

Interested persons may obtain the draft operating permit, submit written comments, or request a public hearing on Operating Permit Number P263-R1 by contacting Joseph Kimbrell at the New Mexico Environment Department, Air Quality Bureau, 525 Camino de los Marquez Suite 1, Santa Fe, NM 87505-1816, or by email at [joseph.kimbrell@env.nm.gov](mailto:joseph.kimbrell@env.nm.gov).

Written requests for public hearing must state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Comments must be based on the requirements of the applicable state and federal air quality regulations and the Clean Air Act. Comments or hearing requests must be received within 30 days after the public notice is published.

Due to the public health emergency order, certain NMED offices are closed to the public. The permit application is currently 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). The Department contact in Santa Fe is Joseph Kimbrell at 505-629-2718. 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) 629-3395.

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