

NMED Public Participation Policy Policy 07-13

Public Involvement Plan for Solid Waste Facility Permit Application

Broadway Transfer Station 5520 Broadway Boulevard SE Albuquerque, New Mexico

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1. Public Involvement Plan (PIP) Overview

The New Mexico Environment Department (Department), Solid Waste Bureau (Bureau) developed this Public Involvement Plan (PIP) for the Solid Waste Facility Permit Application Evaluation for Broadway Transfer Station, (BTS) located at 5520 Broadway Boulevard SE, Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico.

The Bureau encourages the public to learn about and get involved in regulatory decision-making opportunities for BTS. The purpose of this PIP is to provide public participation opportunities and information that may be needed to participate in the permitting process related to this site.

This PIP integrates information about the community and identifies resources needed by the Bureau to successfully incorporate community participation activities into the decision-making process for the permitting process. The PIP identifies the Department staff and resources needed to accomplish these activities.

The permitting process may require public participation throughout different stages. The Bureau will meet the public participation requirements for the permitting process by following this PIP, which includes all applicable policy, regulatory and statutory public notice and participation requirements.

In developing this PIP, community participation needs at the site 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 (refer to Element 4 of this PIP). 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 the permitting process.

As much as possible, public participation and informational activities related to the permitting process will be held within the timelines outlined in the table below. This timeline is tentative and subject to change; activities subject to statutory or regulatory deadlines are noted.

In the timeline for this permitting process, public comments may be submitted to the Bureau prior to the Bureau's determination that the Application is administratively complete. Upon a determination that the Application is administratively complete, the Department must hold a public hearing prior to a decision on the Application. In accordance with the Solid Waste Act (NMSA 1978, Section 74-9-23(B)), the Department must provide notice of the mandatory public hearing on a Solid Waste Facility Permit Application within 60 days of deeming an application administratively complete. Public hearings afford the public the opportunity to participate in the permitting process by providing sworn testimony and/or public comments (both written and verbal) before a hearing officer, who will then prepare a hearing report and recommendation to the NMED Secretary regarding the fate of the Permit Application. The site for BTS is in a part of the state with a relatively large community of Spanish speakers, and the Bureau will provide pertinent information in both English and Spanish in public hearing notices and related announcements (e.g., public service announcements, flyers, etc.).

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the NMED hearing officer will determine whether to hold an in-person hearing or a remote hearing using internet video conferencing technology. This decision will be made after the Permit Application is deemed administratively complete.

As deemed necessary based on knowledge of the surrounding community, arrangements may be made for interpretation services during the hearing, and arrangements may be requested for obtaining services for persons with disabilities. At any time during the permitting process, the Application and relevant documents may be reviewed at the repository identified in Element 5 of this document.

More detailed information about planned Bureau outreach is available in this PIP.

Activity	Dates
Public notice of filing of Application with	August 2021
Solid Waste Bureau (notice performed by	
Applicant)	
Distribute PIP (website and repository)	September 2021
Public notice of hearing on Permit	Within 60 days of Application administrative
Application	completeness determination and at least 30
	days prior to the hearing.

The Chief of the Solid Waste Bureau provides final approval of the PIP and amendments. This PIP is a "living" document that may be amended after considering public comments and feedback.

2. Contacts

If you have questions about the permitting process, site, or this PIP, please contact:

James Dyer Hydrologist, Permit Section NMED Solid Waste Bureau P.O. Box 5469 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502 Telephone: 505-660-8447

Fax: 505-827-2902

E-mail: <u>james.dyer@state.nm.us</u>

Non-English Language Speaker Assistance and Accommodations

Non-English speakers may call the Bureau contact listed in this PIP and request language assistance services, such as an interpreter, so they can learn more about the permitting process. Services may be arranged for translation of documents for public hearings, for interpreters during public hearings, and for obtaining services for persons with disabilities. A phone-based interpretation service may be available for languages other than English.

If any person requires non-English Language Speaker Assistance, assistance for an interpreter or auxiliary aid (e.g., accommodations for persons who are disabled) to participate in public hearings related to the permitting process, should be directed to contact the Bureau, allowing at least 14 days prior to the hearing date:

James Dyer Hydrologist, Permit Section NMED Solid Waste Bureau P.O. Box 5469 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502 Telephone: 505-660-8447

Fax: 505-827-2902

E-mail: james.dyer@state.nm.us

TDD or TTY users please access the number via the New Mexico Relay Network, 1-800-659-1779 (voice); TTY users: 1-800-659-8331).

Department Websites

New Mexico Environment Department - https://www.env.nm.gov/ Solid Waste Bureau - https://www.env.nm.gov/solid-waste

3. Regulatory Framework for Public Participation

There are existing federal and state laws governing the management of solid waste. The United States Congress enacted the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), an amendment to the Solid Waste Disposal Act, in 1976 to ensure safe management and disposal of municipal and industrial waste generated nationwide. Responsibility for management of solid waste has been delegated from the federal government to the states. The State of New Mexico enacted the New Mexico Solid Waste Act in 1990 (NMSA 1978, §§ 74-9-1 to -43). The Solid Waste Act promotes several objectives, including establishment of a comprehensive solid waste management program in New Mexico, adoption of regulations pertaining to the management of solid waste, issuance of permits for construction and operation of solid waste facilities, and protection of public health, safety, and welfare. Solid waste management regulations have been promulgated and revised on several occasions by the Environmental Improvement Board; the current regulations are contained in the New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC) at 20.9.2 through 20.9.10 NMAC and are referred to as the Solid Waste Rules (Rules). The most recent comprehensive revisions to the Solid Waste Rules were adopted in 2007.

The Solid Waste Bureau of NMED is responsible for oversight of the solid waste management program in New Mexico, including permitting of solid waste facilities, registration of small facilities and commercial waste haulers, enforcement, and training of certified solid waste facility operators. The Solid Waste Bureau reviews solid waste facility Permit Applications to assess compliance with the requirements of the Solid Waste Act and Rules. As part of the Permit Application process, Applicants are required to submit Vulnerable Area Assessments (VAA) for initial Permit Applications for landfills or transformation facilities, or for modifications of existing landfill permits that result in vertical or lateral expansion of the facility. VAAs examine the area within a four-mile radius of the geographic center of a facility and consider the economic status of households, population, and the number of regulated facilities. If the area surrounding a facility is deemed a "vulnerable area", then additional community involvement actions must be taken in accordance with 20.9.3.8.D NMAC. Additional actions include a public meeting regarding the solid waste facility permitting action and preparation of a Community Impact Assessment if the NMED Secretary determines that there is significant community opposition to the proposed facility or existing facility expansion.

Once the Bureau completes its review of the Permit Application, the Application is deemed administratively complete, and the Application is moved into the hearing phase of the permitting process. As required by the Solid Waste Act, the Department holds public hearings on all Permit Applications for solid waste facilities. Deeming an Application "administratively complete" does not mean that the Permit Application will be approved or a Permit will be issued without conditions. Rather, it simply means that it is the appropriate time for the NMED Secretary to determine whether the Permit Application should be issued, issued with conditions, or denied after considering all testimony and comments provided by the Bureau, Applicant, and any other interested parties or persons at a formal public hearing.

The Department provides notice of public hearings in accordance with all applicable statutory and regulatory requirements. In accordance with the Solid Waste Act, notice is provided by the following methods: written notice is provided to adjacent property owners, nearby governmental entities (municipalities, counties, tribes, and pueblos), and persons who make requests for public

notice regarding specific Permit Applications; notice is published in a local newspaper as a legal advertisement and at another place in the newspaper designed to provide effective notice; and notice is posted at multiple locations in the vicinity of the facility. In accordance with the Publication of Notice Act (NMSA 1978, § 14-11-10.2), the Department posts hearing notices on NMED's website.

It is common practice to perform notice of Permit Application hearings in both English and Spanish. Spanish versions of the notice are translated from English into Spanish by a certified translator. When appropriate, notice is provided in additional languages pertinent to the population in the vicinity of a solid waste facility. As an example, the Bureau used a Navajolanguage certified court interpreter to translate public service announcements from English into the Navajo language and record the announcements on CD for distribution to Navajo chapters and Navajo-language radio stations in the vicinity of McKinley County Transfer Station.

Facility Background

Universal Waste Systems, Inc. is seeking a new solid waste facility permit for Broadway Transfer Station located at 5520 Broadway Boulevard SE, Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico. Broadway Transfer Station meets the definition of "transfer station" under the New Mexico Solid Waste Rules. The initial Permit Application was received by the Bureau on August 3, 2021.

Universal Waste Systems, Inc. is seeking a permit to allow acceptance of municipal solid waste and construction and demolition debris. The facility intends to operate six days per week from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. and anticipates receipt of less than 2,000 tons of solid waste per day.

4. Affected Communities and Stakeholders

To provide for adequate public participation opportunities and meaningful involvement of persons in the permitting process, 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. This information is used to help encourage the community's involvement in the public process for environmental activities or actions. In this case, the activity is the consideration of permit issuance for a solid waste facility.

An "ACS Summary Report" was generated using EJSCREEN for the area within a 4-mile radius of the proposed Broadway Transfer Station. The following information was obtained from the Report:

• Total population: 29,321

• Number of households: 9,488

• Per capita income: \$20,147

• Per capita income, USA (obtained from U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts): \$34,103

• Proportion people of color population: 83 percent

➤ Proportion Hispanic population: 78.8 percent

Proportion Black population: 0.9 percent

➤ Proportion American Indian population: 2.5 percent

Proportion Non-Hispanic Asian population: 0.6 percent

> Other race alone: 0 percent

> Two or more races alone: 0.4 percent

Additional information was provided by the "EJSCREEN Report (Version 2020)" that was also generated using EJSCREEN for the area within a 4-mile radius of the proposed Broadway Transfer Station.

Information from the EJSCREEN ACS Summary Report and EJSCREEN Report (Version 2020) was used to conduct an assessment (see Attachment 1 of this Plan) of the need for services targeted to individuals of limited English proficiency ("LEP"). The proportion of linguistically-isolated households, i.e., households in which no one 14 years or older speaks English "very well" at home, or speaks English only, is reported as 9.5 percent. The linguistically isolated population in New Mexico is 5 percent; the linguistically isolated population in the United States is 4 percent. The proportion of the population five years old or older within one mile of the site who speak English "less than very well" is 17.6 percent.

It is important for the Bureau to consider the linguistic and communication needs of the affected community when providing notice of public hearings on solid waste facility Permit Applications. Based on the EJSCREEN results and the LEP assessment (see Attachment 2 of this Plan), the Bureau will provide information in Spanish and English when providing public announcements, such as for notice of the public hearing for Broadway Transfer Station.

5. Detailed Public Participation and Outreach Activities for Solid Waste Facility Permit Application, Broadway Transfer Station

The Bureau welcomes questions or comments on solid waste facility permit applications at any time during the permitting process. The Bureau evaluates all public comments, places the comments in the administrative record for the permitting action, and incorporates public input into the Bureau's comments on Permit Applications as appropriate.

Decisions regarding issuance, issuance with conditions, or denial of solid waste facility Permit Applications are <u>not</u> made by the Solid Waste Bureau. Rather, such decisions are made by the NMED Secretary following a public hearing. The public is encouraged to participate in public hearings as formal parties providing technical testimony, through written or verbal public comments, or as observers. All testimony and comments provided at a public hearing are evaluated by a Hearing Officer, who prepares a written report and recommendation regarding Permit Application approval, approval with conditions, or denial for the Secretary's consideration.

The plans for facilitating public participation in the permitting action for Broadway Transfer Station are detailed below.

Public Notice Requirements per Applicable Laws

The Solid Waste Act (NMSA 1978, § 74-9-22) and the Solid Waste Rules (20.9.3.8.G NMAC) address notice to be provided by the Applicant to the public regarding the submittal of a solid waste facility Permit Application. This notice is provided at the start of the permitting process and informs the public that the Bureau's review of a Permit Application has begun. It is common practice for Applicants to provide notice of the submittal of a Permit Application in English and Spanish. The Applicant is required to provide notice in the following manner:

- 1. Notice is provided by certified mail to the owners of record, as shown by the most recent property tax schedule, and tax-exempt entities of record, of all properties:
 - a. within 100 feet of the property on which the facility is located or proposed to be located if the facility is or will be in a Class A or Class H county or a municipality with a population of more than 2,500 persons; or
 - b. within one-half mile of the property on which the facility is located or proposed to be located if the facility is or will be in a Class B county or municipality with a population of 2,500 or less.
- 2. Notice is provided by certified mail to all municipalities and counties in which the facility is or will be located and to the governing body of any county, municipality, Indian tribe or pueblo when the boundary of the territory of the county, municipality, Indian tribe or pueblo is within 10 miles of the property on which the facility is proposed to be constructed, operated or closed.
- 3. Notice is provided to all parties and interested participants of record for a permit modification or renewal.
- 4. Notice is published once in a newspaper of general circulation in each county where the facility is proposed to be constructed, operated or closed; this notice shall appear in either the classified or legal advertisements section of the newspaper and at one other place in the

newspaper calculated to give the general public the most effective notice; notice also shall be provided to residents of each community that is or will be affected significantly by the existing or proposed solid waste facility at least once in one or more other media in a manner that effectively reaches a substantial number of members of each community, and where printed shall be printed in both English and Spanish.

5. Notice is posted in at least eight publicly accessible and conspicuous places, including the proposed or existing entrance to the property on which the facility is or is proposed to be located.

Note: The notice performed by the Applicant occurs before the Bureau receives a Permit Application and before the Bureau has an opportunity to determine if additional services are necessary to communicate with individuals of limited English proficiency ("LEP").

After the determination that a Permit Application is administratively complete, the Department provides notice of public hearing. The Solid Waste Act (NMSA 1978, § 74-9-23(B)) addresses notice for solid waste facility Permit Application hearings. NMSA 1978, § 74-9-23(B) requires the performance of notice for a permit application hearing in the same manner as required in NMSA 1978, Section 74-9-22. Section 74-9-22 identifies the following actions for the performance of notice:

- 1. Notice must be provided by certified mail to the owners of record, as shown on the most recent property tax schedule, of all properties:
 - a. Within 100 feet of the property on which the facility is located (or proposed to be located) if the facility is (or will be) in a Class A or H county or a municipality with a population of more than 2,500 persons; or
 - b. Within ½ mile of the property on which the facility is located (or proposed to be located) if the facility is (or will be) in a county other than a Class A or H county or a municipality with a population of 2,500 persons or less.
- 2. Notice must be provided by certified mail to all municipalities and counties in which the facility is (or will be) located and to the governing body of any county, municipality, Indian tribe, or pueblo when the boundary of the territory of the county, municipality, Indian tribe, or pueblo is within a 10-mile radius of the property on which the facility is (or is proposed to be) constructed, operated or closed.
- 3. Notice must be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in each county in which the property on which the facility is (or is proposed to be) constructed, operated or closed is located. This notice must appear in either the classified or legal advertisements section of the newspaper and at one other place in the newspaper calculated to give the general public the most effective notice and, when appropriate, must be printed in both English and Spanish.
- 4. Notice must be posted in at least four publicly accessible and conspicuous places, including the proposed or existing facility entrance on the property on which the facility is (or is proposed to be) located.

NMSA 1978, § 74-9-23(B) requires additional actions associated with notice of hearing:

- 1. Notice must be provided to any person who makes a written request to the NMED for notice regarding a specific application.
- 2. Notice must be made within 60 days of the determination that an application is complete.

The Notice of Publication Act (NMSA 1978, § 14-11-2) further requires that legal notices be published in daily, tri-weekly, semi-weekly, or weekly newspapers of general circulation that can be obtained by single copy in the county in which the notice is required to be published. Such newspapers, if published daily, must have been published in the county continuously and without interruption during the six-month period prior to the publication of notice; if published tri-weekly, semi-weekly, or weekly, the newspapers must have been published in the county continuously and without interruption for 26 consecutive weeks prior to the publication of notice. NMSA 1978, § 14-11-10.2 requires state agencies to post their notices on agency websites.

Hearing notices will be provided in both English and Spanish. Spanish-language notices are translated from English into Spanish by a certified translator. Notice will be provided at least 30 days prior to a hearing.

Proposed Public Participation and Outreach Activities for Broadway Transfer Station

The Applicant completed the required public notice for the Application in August 2021 (see timeline in Section 1 of this PIP). The Department will perform the following public participation and outreach activities <u>during the review phase</u> of the permitting process for the Broadway Transfer Station Permit Application:

Information Repository: A electronic copy of the draft Permit Application is available for public review through the NMED website:
 https://www.env.nm.gov/solid-waste/environmental-justice/
 Scroll to the "Public Involvement Plans" heading and select the application link for Broadway Transfer Station.

The following public participation and outreach activities will be performed <u>during the hearing phase</u> (i.e., after the Permit Application has been deemed administratively complete) of the permitting process for the Broadway Transfer Station Permit Application:

1. Mailing of Hearing Notice:

- a. The Department will provide notice by certified mail to property owners of record within 100 feet of the facility. As required by 20.9.3.17.C NMAC, the Applicant will obtain property ownership information from the Bernalillo County Assessor and will submit this information to the Bureau.
- b. The Department will provide notice by certified mail to the municipality and county in which the facility is located, and to all municipalities, counties, tribes, and pueblos located within 10 miles of the facility. The following governmental entities will be notified:
 - Bernalillo County
 - Valencia County
 - City of Albuquerque
 - Village of Bosque Farms
 - Town of Peralta
 - Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque

- Pueblo of Isleta
- c. The Department will provide notice by first class mail or e-mail to potentially interested land grants. The following land grant will be notified:
 - Atrisco Land Grant
- d. The Department will provide notice by first class mail or e-mail to other potentially interested persons (e.g., federal or state government agencies, persons who attended the most recent hearing regarding a Permit Application for the facility based on available Bureau records, etc.).
- e. The Department will provide notice by first class mail or e-mail to all persons who inform the Bureau that they have an interest in the pending Permit Application for the facility. Persons who inform the Bureau of their interest in a Permit Application will be added to an "interested persons mailing list" for the public hearing.
- f. Mailed notices will be provided in English and Spanish.
- 2. **Publication of Hearing Notice:** The notice will be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the facility is proposed to be located. The Albuquerque Journal will be used for notice publication. The notice will be published in the classified or legal advertisements section of the newspaper and as a display advertisement at another location in the newspaper. The notice will be published in English and Spanish.
- 3. Physical Posting of Hearing Notice in Vicinity of Facility: The Department will post hearing notices at a minimum of four (4) publicly accessible and conspicuous places, including the facility entrance. Provided permission is obtained for notice posting, the Department will post notice at libraries, community centers, senior centers, government offices, and/or post offices. Physically-posted notices will be provided in English and Spanish.
- 4. **Electronic Posting of Hearing Notice:** The Department will post the hearing notice on the NMED website. Electronically-posted notices will be provided in English and Spanish.

In accordance with the Solid Waste Act requirement, all required notice actions will be performed within 60 days of the date the Application is deemed administratively complete. Further, the Department will provide notice of the Permit Application hearing at least 30 days prior to the hearing.

Hearing Location and Scheduling

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the public hearing for Broadway Transfer Station may be held remotely using an internet video conferencing platform. Public hearings on solid waste facility permit applications are usually scheduled to begin after typical daytime working hours (e.g., 5:30 p.m.). If the hearing is held remotely, the specific internet video conferencing platform to be used for the Broadway Transfer Station hearing will be identified in the hearing notice. In the event the Hearing Officer determines that a hearing will require more than one evening to complete, the hearing will continue on subsequent days, and the hearing start times on the initial day and subsequent days may be adjusted accordingly.

Contingency Plan for Unexpected Events

Should unexpected events prevent the public hearing from being held as scheduled after issuance

of the hearing notice, the Department will use a variety of methods to inform the public of the postponement of the hearing. The Department may notify the public by postal mailings, e-mails, PSAs, and website postings.

Attachment 1: Preliminary Screening (EJSCREEN)

Public Outreach Preliminary Screen (EJSCREEN)

Facility: Broadway Transfer Station

Location: 5520 Broadway Blvd. SE, Albuquerque, NM

Buffer: 4 miles

Date: August 13, 2021

Total population within 4-mile radius*:	29,321
Total population age 5+ years within 4-mile radius*:	28,042
Number of households within 4-mile radius*:	9,488
Per capita income within 4-mile radius*:	\$20,147
Per capita income, USA**:	\$34,103
Percent people of color population within 4-mile radius*:	83%
Percent people of color population by race within 4-mile radius*:	
Hispanic:	78.8%
Black:	0.9%
American Indian:	2.5%
Non-Hispanic Asian:	0.6%
Pacific Islander:	0.1%
Other race alone:	0.0%
Two or more races alone:	0.4%
Sum:	83.3%
Percent linguistically isolated households within 4-mile radius*:	9.5%
Percent linguistically isolated households by language within 4-mile radius*:	
Spanish:	9.4%
Other Indo-European languages:	0.0%
Other Asian-Pacific Island languages:	0.1%
Other languages:	0.0%
Sum:	9.5%
Population age 5+ yrs speaking English "less than very well" within 4-mile radius*:	17.6%

^{*:} From EJSCREEN ACS Summary Report

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^{**:} From U.S. Census Bureau QuickFacts website (accessed 8/13/2021)



EJSCREEN ACS Summary Report



Location: User-specified point center at 34.996744, -106.652009

Ring (buffer): 4-miles radius Description: Broadway TS

Summary of ACS Estimates	2014 - 2018
Population	29,321
Population Density (per sq. mile)	564
People of Color Population	24,411
% People of Color Population	83%
Households	9,488
Housing Units	10,542
Housing Units Built Before 1950	1,352
Per Capita Income	20,147
Land Area (sq. miles) (Source: SF1)	52.02
% Land Area	97%
Water Area (sq. miles) (Source: SF1)	1.60
% Water Area	3%

	2014 - 2018 ACS Estimates	Percent	MOE (±)
Population by Race			
Total	29,321	100%	656
Population Reporting One Race	28,619	98%	1,935
White	22,070	75%	609
Black	359	1%	289
American Indian	1,009	3%	347
Asian	212	1%	179
Pacific Islander	27	0%	51
Some Other Race	4,941	17%	460
Population Reporting Two or More Races	702	2%	232
Total Hispanic Population	23,093	79%	598
Total Non-Hispanic Population	6,228		
White Alone	4,910	17%	313
Black Alone	267	1%	280
American Indian Alone	724	2%	347
Non-Hispanic Asian Alone	185	1%	179
Pacific Islander Alone	27	0%	51
Other Race Alone	0	0%	12
Two or More Races Alone	115	0%	71
Population by Sex			
Male	14,324	49%	423
Female	14,997	51%	383
Population by Age			
Age 0-4	1,279	4%	138
Age 0-17	6,915	24%	276
Age 18+	22,406	76%	383
Age 65+	4,582	16%	145

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) 2014 - 2018

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EJSCREEN ACS Summary Report



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Ring (buffer): 4-miles radius Description: Broadway TS

	2014 - 2018 ACS Estimates	Percent	MOE (±)
Population 25+ by Educational Attainment			
Total	19,500	100%	402
Less than 9th Grade	2,751	14%	160
9th - 12th Grade, No Diploma	2,264	12%	152
High School Graduate	6,484	33%	253
Some College, No Degree	5,318	27%	170
Associate Degree	1,363	7%	117
Bachelor's Degree or more	2,684	14%	160
Population Age 5+ Years by Ability to Speak English			
Total	28,042	100%	603
Speak only English	13,374	48%	510
Non-English at Home ¹⁺²⁺³⁺⁴	14,668	52%	423
¹ Speak English "very well"	9,726	35%	325
² Speak English "well"	2,165	8%	177
3Speak English "not well"	1,696	6%	169
⁴ Speak English "not at all"	1,080	4%	201
3+4Speak English "less than well"	2,776	10%	262
2+3+4Speak English "less than very well"	4,941	18%	296
Linguistically Isolated Households*			
Total	904	100%	119
Speak Spanish	893	99%	116
Speak Other Indo-European Languages	3	0%	36
Speak Asian-Pacific Island Languages	8	1%	26
Speak Other Languages	0	0%	12
Households by Household Income			
Household Income Base	9,488	100%	197
< \$15,000	1,341	14%	113
\$15,000 - \$25,000	1,520	16%	156
\$25,000 - \$50,000	2,488	26%	152
\$50,000 - \$75,000	1,733	18%	104
\$75,000 +	2,406	25%	116
Occupied Housing Units by Tenure			
Total	9,488	100%	197
Owner Occupied	7,375	78%	163
Renter Occupied	2,113	22%	149
Employed Population Age 16+ Years			
Total	23,341	100%	477
In Labor Force	13,633	58%	380
Civilian Unemployed in Labor Force	1,099	5%	154
Not In Labor Force	9,709	42%	270

Data Note: Datail 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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Ring (buffer): 4-miles radius Description: Broadway TS

	2014 - 2018 ACS Estimates	Percent	MOE (±
opulation by Language Spoken at Home*			
otal (persons age 5 and above)	27,121	100%	59
English	13,703	51%	68
Spanish	12,934	48%	52
French	8	0%	8
French Creole	N/A	N/A	N/
Italian	N/A	N/A	N/
Portuguese	N/A	N/A	N
German	19	0%	2
Yiddish	N/A	N/A	N
Other West Germanic	N/A	N/A	N
Scandinavian	N/A	N/A	N
Greek	N/A	N/A	N
Russian	N/A	N/A	N
Polish	N/A	N/A	N
Serbo-Croatian	N/A	N/A	N
Other Slavic	N/A	N/A	N
Armenian	N/A	N/A	N
Persian	N/A	N/A	N
Gujarathi	N/A	N/A	N
Hindi	N/A	N/A	N
Urdu	N/A	N/A	N
Other Indic	N/A	N/A	N
Other Indo-European	48	0%	14
Chinese	11	0%	
Japanese	N/A	N/A	N
Korean	0	0%	
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	N/A	N/A	N
Hmong	N/A	N/A	N
Thai	N/A	N/A	N
Laotian	N/A	N/A	N
Vietnamese	60	0%	
Other Asian	108	0%	13
Tagalog	0	0%	
Other Pacific Island	N/A	N/A	N
Navajo	N/A	N/A	N
Other Native American	N/A	N/A	N
Hungarian	N/A	N/A	N
Arabic	9	0%	
Hebrew	N/A	N/A	N
African	N/A	N/A	N
Other and non-specified	197	1%	18
Total Non-English	13.418	49%	88

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

N/A meansnot available. Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 2014 - 2018.

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

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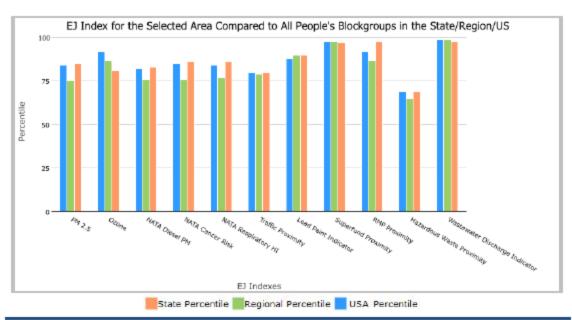
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4 miles Ring Centered at 34.996744,-106.652009, NEW MEXICO, EPA Region 6

Approximate Population: 29,321 Input Area (sq. miles): 50.26 Broadway TS

Selected Variables	State Percentile	EPA Region Percentile	USA Percentile
EJ Indexes			
EJ Index for PM2.5	85	75	84
EJ Index for Ozone	81	87	92
EJ Index for NATA* Diesel PM	83	76	82
EJ Index for NATA* Air Toxics Cancer Risk	86	76	85
EJ Index for NATA* Respiratory Hazard Index	86	77	84
EJ Index for Traffic Proximity and Volume	80	79	80
EJ Index for Lead Paint Indicator	90	90	88
EJ Index for Superfund Proximity	97	98	98
EJ Index for RMP Proximity	98	87	92
EJ Index for Hazardous Waste Proximity	69	65	69
EJ Index for Wastewater Discharge Indicator	98	99	99



This report shows the values for environmental and demographic indicators and EJSCREEN indexes. It shows environmental and demographic raw data (e.g., the estimated concentration of ozone in the air), and also shows what percentile each raw data value represents. These percentiles provide perspective on how the selected block group or buffer area compares to the entire state, EPA region, or nation. For example, if a given location is at the 95th percentile nationwide, this means that only 5 percent of the US population has a higher block group value than the average person in the location being analyzed. The years for which the data are available, and the methods used, vary across these indicators. Important caveats and uncertainties apply to this screening-level information, so it is essential to understand the limitations on appropriate interpretations and applications of these indicators. Please see EJSCREEN documentation for discussion of these indicators.

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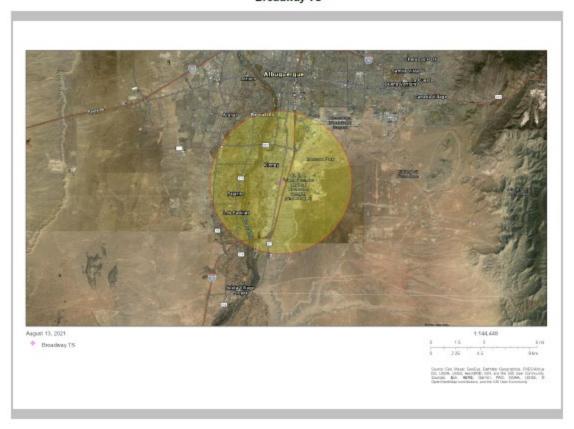


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Sites reporting to EPA	
Superfund NPL	2
Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facilities (TSDF)	0

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Selected Variables	Value	State Avg.	%ile in State	EPA Region Ave.	%ile in EPA Region	USA Avg.	%ile in USA
Environmental Indicators							
Particulate Matter (PM 2.5 in µg/m³)	6.76	6.17	77	8.95	5	8.55	11
Ozone (ppb)	53	52.2	56	41.8	97	42.9	91
NATA* Diesel PM (µg/m³)	0.349	0.281	66	0.401	<50th	0.478	<50th
NATA* Cancer Risk (lifetime risk per million)	28	25	71	36	<50th	32	<50th
NATA* Respiratory Hazard Index	0.37	0.32	68	0.45	<50th	0.44	<50th
Traffic Proximity and Volume (daily traffic count/distance to road)	230	360	60	400	61	750	51
Lead Paint Indicator (% Pre-1960 Housing)	0.29	0.18	77	0.17	80	0.28	62
Superfund Proximity (site count/km distance)	0.47	0.13	93	0.081	98	0.13	94
RMP Proximity (facility count/km distance)	1.3	0.24	97	0.82	79	0.74	81
Hazardous Waste Proximity (facility count/km distance)	0.19	0.78	46	0.99	35	5	24
Wastewater Discharge Indicator (toxicity-weighted concentration/m distance)	16	150	96	9.5	99	9.4	98
Demographic Indicators							
Demographic Index	66%	52%	73	44%	79	36%	87
People of Color Population	83%	62%	77	52%	78	39%	86
Low Income Population	49%	42%	64	37%	71	33%	79
Linguistically Isolated Population	10%	5%	79	6%	77	4%	83
Population With Less Than High School Education	26%	15%	80	16%	78	13%	86
Population Under 5 years of age	4%	6%	35	7%	26	6%	34
Population over 64 years of age	16%	16%	55	13%	68	15%	58

^{*} The National-Scale Air Toxics Assessment (NATA) is EPA's ongoing, comprehensive evaluation of air toxics in the United States. EPA developed the NATA to prioritize air toxics, emission sources, and locations of interest for further study. It is important to remember that NATA provides broad estimates of health risks over geographic areas of the country, not definitive risks to specific individuals or locations. More information on the NATA analysis can be found at: https://www.epa.gov/national-air-toxics-assessment.

For additional information, see: www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice

EJSCREEN is a screening tool for pre-decisional use only. It can help identify areas that may warrant additional consideration, analysis, or outreach. It does not provide a basis for decision-making, but it may help identify potential areas of EJ concern. Users should keep in mind that screening tools are subject to substantial uncertainty in their demographic and environmental data, particularly when looking at small geographic areas. Important caveats and uncertainties apply to this screening-level information, so it is essential to understand the limitations on appropriate interpretations and applications of these indicators. Please see EJSCREEN documentation for discussion of these issues before using reports. This screening tool does not provide data on every environmental impact and demographic factor that may be relevant to a particular location. EJSCREEN outputs should be supplemented with additional information and local knowledge before taking any action to address potential EJ concerns.

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Attachment 2: Limited English Proficiency Assessment

Limited English Proficiency ("LEP") Assessment

Facility: Broadway Transfer Station

Location: 5520 Broadway Blvd. SE, Albuquerque, NM

Buffer: 4 miles
Date: August 13, 2021

Factor 1: Number and Proportion of LEP Individuals Eligible to be Served or Likely to be Encountered in Community of Concern

Percent linguistically isolated households within 4-mile radius*:	9.5%	
Percent linguistically isolated households by language within 4-mile radius*:		
Spanish:	9.4%	
Other Indo-European languages:	0.0%	
Other Asian-Pacific Island languages:	0.1%	
Other languages:	0.0%	
Sum:	9.5%	
Percent lingustically isolated population, New Mexico**:	5%	
Percent lingustically isolated population, USA**:	496	
Population age 5+ yrs speaking English "less than very well" within 1-mile radius*:	17.6%	

^{*:} From "EJSCREEN ACS Summary Report"

Conclusions:

- 1) Proportion of LEP persons within four miles is approximately double the statewide and national proportions.
- 2) Spanish is the primary non-English languages spoken by LEP persons.
- 3) Historical participation: None for this facility as the application represents the initial permit application for this solid waste facility. Hearing on a proposed transfer station permit application for the same area was held in Albuquerque, NM in March 2012. Numerous community members attended the hearing and opposed permit issuance.

Factor 2: Frequency with which LEP Individuals Come in Contact with the Program

Frequency Assesment ("frequent" / "occasional" / "not frequent"):

Not frequent

This determination based on the performance of 33 permit application hearings from September 2011 to present. In two cases, the Bureau determined that language interpretation services might be required at the hearing to service LEP persons and provided such services. Interpretation services were used in one instance (Southwest Landfill LLC), but the interpretor at the other hearing (Northeastern New Mexico Regional Landfill) was dismissed after one day as hearing attendees were not utilizing the service. Historically, interpretation services have been needed for one other facility (Camino Real Landfill).

^{**:} From "EJSCREEN Report (Version 2020)"

Factor 3: Nature or Importance of the Activity or Service Provided by the Program

All solid waste facilities are required by the NM Solid Waste Act to obtain a permit prior to construction and operation. Permit applications are reviewed by the Solid Waste Bureau to assess compliance with regulatory and statutory requirements. Once the application is deemed "administratively complete", a mandatory hearing is held to gather testimony and comment from all interested parties and persons. The record created at the hearing is then forwarded to the Secretary for their consideration and determination regarding permit issuance.

The permitting activity is deemed by the Solid Waste Bureau to be "important" to NMED, the impacted community, and the State of New Mexico. The permitting activity is important to NMED because the permit establishes site-specific requirements that must be met to ensure protection of public health, welfare, and the environment. The permitting activity is important to the impacted community because poorly-operated solid waste facilities have the potential to pose a public nuisance and adversely affect the quality of life of people living in the vicinity of the facility. The permitting activity is important to the State of New Mexico because establishment of effective permits ensures that solid waste facilities will not impact the State's limited groundwater resources and that waste disposal is conducted in a consistent manner throughout the State.

Factor 4: Resources Available to NMED and Associated Costs

In accordance with statutory requirements, public notice for permit hearings is conducted in both English and Spanish, and the services of a certified translator are used for creation of Spanish-language notices. This translation cost is included in the Bureau's annual budget requests. As the need for additional translation/interpretation services has typically been limited, the Bureau has been able to provide these additional services within budgetary constraints.

LEP Services Plan:

Notice of the permit application hearing will be provided in both English and Spanish, which is consistent with statutory requirements and past practice, and is appropriate given the demographic characteristics of the area surrounding the proposed facility. Although the program's contact with LEP individuals has not been frequent, the proportion of LEP individuals within four miles of the facility is considerable. The Bureau is not planning to provide further LEP services at this time. However, the Bureau will revisit this decision if members of the affected community contact the Bureau to request additional LEP services.