

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
BEFORE THE SECRETARY OF ENVIRONMENT**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION  
OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO FOR A  
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY PERMIT FOR  
THE SOCORRO SOLID WASTE LANDFILL EXPANSION**

No. SWB 11-22(P)

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**Description of the Requested Action:** The New Mexico Environment Department (the “Department”) will hold a public hearing to consider the application of the City of Socorro, (“Applicant”) for a twenty year permit to obtain a 116 acre lateral expansion of the existing landfill boundary, to construct and operate lined waste cells adjacent to the existing City of Socorro’s registered landfill site, and to obtain approval to receive municipal solid waste, construction and demolition debris, and three special wastes as defined by Solid Waste Rules (sludge, offal and industrial waste).

**Hearing Date and Location:** The hearing will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2012 in the City Hall Council Chambers, 111 School of Mines Road, Socorro, New Mexico. Non-technical public comments will be taken between 3:30 and 4:00 pm, or as specified by the hearing officer. In lieu of oral public comments, written statements may be submitted to the Hearing Clerk for the record at or prior to the hearing.

The Application for a solid waste facility permit has been reviewed by the Department for compliance with the New Mexico Solid Waste Act (the “Act”) and the New Mexico Solid Waste Management Regulations (20.9NMAC). The Act authorizes the Cabinet Secretary of Environment to issue, issue with conditions or deny Solid Waste Facility Permits. The Secretary of Environment considers all public comments, including issues relating to public health and welfare, in his decision to issue, issue with conditions, or deny the permit.

**1. Name, Address and Phone Number of Applicant and Contact Person**

(a) Applicant/Owner of City of Socorro Landfill

City of Socorro  
City Hall  
111 School of Mines Road  
Socorro, New Mexico 87801  
Hours M-F, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm  
Contact Pat Salome (575) 835-0240

(b) Contact Person for Socorro Landfill

Marvin Magee, P.E.  
Magee and Associates, Inc.  
P.O. Box Box 730  
Mesilla Park, New Mexico, 88047  
(575) 523-9613

## 2. **Anticipated Start-Up Date of Operation of Facility and Hours of Operation**

The anticipated date of use of the new permitted landfill is expected to be the fall or winter of 2012, depending on the date of completion of construction and certification of the liner installation. Hours of operation would be 8:00 am to 4:00 pm M-S in winter months and 8:00 am -5:00 pm M-S during summer months. The permitted landfill would be closed on Sundays, and four major holidays (New Years Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Thanksgiving and Christmas). The landfill may operate outside scheduled operating hours to accommodate site preparation, liner construction, inclement weather conditions, high winds, cover application, special projects, maintenance, monitoring.

## 3. **Description of the Facility**

(a) Location and Size: The existing and proposed lateral expansion of City of Socorro Landfill site is located in Section 36, Township 3 South, Range 1 West; on State Highway 1, approximately 3 miles south of the highway's intersection with B Street in the City of Socorro in Socorro County, New Mexico. The property on which the landfill is located is owned by the City of Socorro. The entire property, including the existing landfill, is 115.97 acres.

(b) General Process: The Landfill will continue to receive solid waste from commercial haulers and the public. If the permit is approved, the solid waste will be placed and compacted in engineered lined units/cells with environmental control systems; including but not limited to leachate collection systems, composite liners, stormwater management controls, and a groundwater monitoring well network. Special waste will be processed in accordance with the Solid Waste Rules and permit conditions. At the end of each working day, the working face of the municipal solid waste (MSW) disposal area will be covered with a least six inches of soil or an alternative daily cover as approved by NMED.

(c) Quantities and Rate of Solid Waste: The Landfill currently receives an average of 45 tons of solid waste per day, but may receive more or less solid waste on a given day. It is anticipated that the new facility will also receive an average of 45 tons of waste per day, and this may be expanded in the future to up to 100 tons per day as additional adjacent counties may use the landfill. The projected tonnage includes special waste disposal of approximately 1600 tons per year of sludge and offal.

(d) Types of Solid Waste: The Landfill will continue to accept solid waste and special waste, including the following nonhazardous waste:

- (i) residential municipal solid waste;
- (ii) commercial solid waste;
- (iii) construction and demolition debris;
- (iv) sludge (special waste)
- (v) packing house and killing plant offal (special waste)
- (vi) industrial solid waste (special waste)

Upon final receipt of solid waste, the Landfill will be capped with a final cover in accordance with the Rules

## 4. **Origin of Waste**: It is anticipated that the majority of wastes received at the Landfill will originate primarily from the City of Socorro, Socorro County, and the Village of

Magdalena. However, waste disposed at the Landfill may be generated outside of these areas. Sierra County and the City of Truth or Consequences have expressed interest in using the Landfill should a permit be issued for the facility.

The public hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Permit Procedures of the Environment Department (20.1.4 NMAC), which may be obtained at no charge from the Hearing Clerk, Sally Worthington, P.O. Box 26110, N-2150, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502, telephone 505-827-2002, fax 505-827-2836. The Permit Procedures are also available on the Department's web page at: [http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/SWB/doc/nmac\\_20\\_1\\_4.pdf](http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/SWB/doc/nmac_20_1_4.pdf). Copies of the applicable Solid Waste Management Regulations (20.9.1 NMAC) may also be obtained by contacting William Schueler of the Solid Waste Bureau at (505) 827-2464.

Persons may speak at the public hearing or submit general written comments without filing any documents beforehand. However, any person wishing to be an interested party or to present "technical" testimony at the hearing must file an "Entry of Appearance" or "Statement of Intent to Present Technical Testimony", respectively, with the Hearing Clerk on or before 5:00 p.m., Thursday, January 19, 2012 and serve it upon all parties in accordance with 20.1.4.100.F NMAC. Technical testimony means scientific, engineering, economic or other specialized testimony, whether oral or written, but does not include legal argument, general comments or statements of policy concerning matters at issue in the hearing.

In accordance with 20.1.4 NMAC, the Statement of Intent to Present Technical Testimony shall:

- a) identify the person filing the statement;
- b) state whether the person filing the statement supports or opposes the application;
- c) identify each witness, including name, address, affiliation(s), and educational and work background;
- d) estimate how long the direct testimony of each witness will take;
- e) identify all exhibits that are part of the Record Proper and, for exhibits not part of the Record Proper, attach a copy;
- f) list or make available all technical materials relied upon by each witness in making each statement of technical fact or opinion contained in his or her direct testimony; and
- g) attach a summary of the testimony of each witness, stating any opinion(s) to be offered by such witness, and an explanation of the basis for such opinion(s).

To promote efficiency and fairness, and to avoid prejudice and surprise, a person's direct technical testimony at the hearing shall be limited to the data, views and arguments raised in that person's pre-filed Statement of Intent. Submittal of a "Statement of Intent to Present Technical Testimony" shall also be considered as an "Entry of Appearance."

If any person requires assistance, an interpreter, or auxiliary aid to participate in this process, please contact Connie Joseph by Thursday, January 19, 2012 at the New Mexico Environment Department, Personnel Services Bureau, P.O. Box 26110, 1190 St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87502, telephone 505-827-9872. TDD or TDY should access Ms. Joseph's number through the New Mexico Relay Network (TDY users at 1-800-659-8331; TDD users at 1-800-659-1779).

The application may be reviewed Monday through Friday at the following locations:

Socorro City Hall, 111 School of Mines Road, Socorro, New Mexico; 8:30 AM- 4:30 PM  
(Contact Pay Salome, 575-835-0240)

Socorro County Manager's Office, 210 Park Street, Socorro, NM 87801 8:30 AM – 4:30  
PM, M—F. 575-835-0589

City of Socorro Landfill, State Highway 1, approximately 3 miles south of the highway's  
intersection with B Street in the City of Socorro in Socorro County, New Mexico. 575-835-  
4279

New Mexico Environment Department, Solid Waste Bureau, 1190 St. Francis Drive,  
Suite 2050, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502; 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM (Contact: William  
Schueler, 505-827-2464)