

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF SANTA FE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
AGENCY FOR A SOLID WASTE FACILITY
PERMIT RENEWAL AND MODIFICATION
FOR CAJA DEL RIO LANDFILL**

No. SWB 15-24(P)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Description of the Requested Action: The New Mexico Environment Department (“Department”) will hold a public hearing to consider the matter of the application by Santa Fe Solid Waste Management Agency (“Applicant”) for renewal and modification of the Caja del Rio Landfill permit. The applicant is seeking to renew the existing solid waste facility permit and obtain a permit modification for lateral and vertical expansion and acceptance of additional special wastes. The permit application was initially submitted to the Department on November 7, 2013.

Hearing Date, Time, and Location: The hearing will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 24, 2015 at the Nancy Rodriguez Community Center, 1 Prairie Dog Loop, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Public comment will be taken starting at 5:30 p.m. on September 24 and as additionally determined by the Hearing Officer. The hearing may continue on subsequent days as determined by the Hearing Officer. In lieu of verbal public comments, written statements may be submitted for the record at, or prior to, the hearing.

The application for a solid waste facility permit renewal and modification has been reviewed by the Department for compliance with the New Mexico Solid Waste Act (“Act”) and the New Mexico Solid Waste Rules, 20.9.2 to 20.9.10 NMAC. The Department deemed the application complete on July 13, 2015. The Secretary of Environment shall issue, issue with conditions, or deny solid waste facility permits in accordance with the Act. 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.

Name, Address, and Phone Number of the Applicant and Contact Person:

Applicant/Owner of Caja del Rio Landfill:
Santa Fe Solid Waste Management Agency
149 Wildlife Way
Santa Fe, NM 87506
Contact Person: Mr. Randall Kippenbrock, P.E.
Phone: (505)424-1850

Anticipated Start-Up Date of Facility Modification and Hours of Operation:

- (a) Anticipated Start-Up Date: Caja del Rio Landfill is an existing solid waste facility operating under permit no. SWM-261708 issued in June 1995 and permit no. SWM-012642(SP) issued in May 2009, which authorized acceptance of sludge at the facility. If approved, the anticipated start-up date for the permit modification is the date of permit application approval, and activities pursuant to the permit modification are anticipated to begin in 2016.
- (b) Hours of Operation: Caja del Rio Landfill’s operating hours for waste receipt are 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, although the operating hours vary seasonally. Caja del Rio Landfill is closed on three holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day); however, the Landfill may operate on an abbreviated schedule on these holidays.

Description of the Facility:

- (a) Location and Size: Caja del Rio Landfill is located approximately 7 miles west of the City of Santa Fe and 3.5 miles northwest of NM Highway 599 in Sections 21, 22, 27, and 28, Township 17 North, Range 8 East in Santa Fe County, New Mexico. The permit renewal and modification application seeks approval of a facility 495 acres in size with approximately 141 acres intended for waste disposal.
- (b) General Process: Caja del Rio Landfill currently receives municipal solid waste (i.e., household and commercial solid waste, including construction and demolition debris (C&D)), two special wastes (sludge and petroleum-contaminated soils), green waste, and manure from commercial haulers and self-haulers. Solid waste is placed and compacted in lined cells that are served by environmental control systems (composite liners, leachate collection, landfill gas control system, and stormwater management controls). At the end of each working day, the working face of the waste disposal area is covered with at least six inches of soil or an alternative daily cover approved by the Department. The Landfill operates a mulching and composting program to divert green waste and manure from disposal. The pending application seeks approval for disposal of four additional special wastes.
- (c) Quantity and Rate of Solid Waste: Caja del Rio Landfill received approximately 151,000 tons of solid waste in 2014, but expects to receive between 150,000 and 200,000 tons per year of solid waste during the 20-year permit term. Caja del Rio Landfill is seeking approval to accept six special wastes: sludge, petroleum-contaminated soils ("PCS"), industrial solid waste ("ISW"), spill of a chemical substance or commercial product ("spill waste"), treated formerly characteristic hazardous waste ("TFCH"), and special wastes not otherwise specified ("SWNOS"), i.e., vehicle wash sump waste. Caja del Rio Landfill anticipates the following quantities of special wastes: 1,700 tons per year (tpy) of sludge; 360 tpy of PCS; 10 tpy of ISW; 10 tpy of spill waste; 1 tpy of TFCH, and 28 tpy of SWNOS.
- (d) Types of Solid Waste: Caja del Rio Landfill is currently authorized to accept municipal solid waste (household and commercial solid waste, including C&D debris), sludge and PCS (special wastes), and green waste and manure for composting. In addition to these wastes, Caja del Rio Landfill is seeking a permit modification to accept four additional special wastes (ISW, spill waste, TFCH, and SWNOS).
- (e) Description of the Modification: Caja del Rio Landfill is seeking permit modification for a vertical expansion that would raise the permitted final grades in the West Phase by 40 feet over currently-permitted final grades; a lateral expansion (East Phase) to accommodate construction of approximately 54 acres of additional lined disposal area; and authorization for disposal of four additional special wastes as noted above.

Origin of Waste: Waste received at Caja del Rio Landfill originates from the City of Santa Fe and Santa Fe County.

Hearing Procedures: 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, Linda Vigil, P.O. Box 5469, 1190 St. Francis Drive, S-2103, Santa Fe, NM 87502, telephone (505)827-2002, fax (505)827-2836. The Permit Procedures are also available electronically at: <http://www.nmcp.state.nm.us/nmac/parts/title20/20.001.0004.htm>. Copies of the applicable Solid Waste Rules (20.9.2 through 20.9.10 NMAC) may also be obtained electronically at: http://www.nmcp.state.nm.us/nmac/_title20/T20C009.htm or by contacting George Schuman of the Solid Waste Bureau at (505) 827-2328.

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 present technical testimony at the hearing must file an Entry of Appearance or Statement of Intent to Present Technical Testimony with the Hearing Clerk and serve it upon other parties of record, on or before 5:00 p.m., Thursday, September 10, 2015. 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 filed Statement of Intent. Submittal of a Statement of Intent to Present Technical Testimony shall also be considered an Entry of Appearance.

If any person requires assistance, an interpreter, or auxiliary aid to participate in this process, please contact Mr. J.C. Borrego by Thursday, September 10, 2015 at the New Mexico Environment Department, Human Resources Bureau, P.O. Box 5469, 1190 St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM, 87502, telephone (505)827-0424. Text Telephone (TTY) and Voice Relay users should access Mr. Borrego's number through the Relay New Mexico network (TTY users at 1-800-659-8331; Voice Relay users at 1-800-659-1779).

The permit renewal and modification application may be reviewed at the following locations:

New Mexico Environment Department, Solid Waste Bureau, 1190 St. Francis Drive, Suite N-2150, Santa Fe, NM 87502; Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Contact George Schuman at (505)827-2328.

Santa Fe Solid Waste Management Agency, Caja del Rio Landfill Administration Building, 149 Wildlife Way, Santa Fe, NM 87506. Phone: (505)424-1850.