

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF
NORTHWEST NEW MEXICO REGIONAL SOLID
WASTE AUTHORITY FOR A SOLID WASTE FACILITY
PERMIT RENEWAL AND MODIFICATION FOR
MCKINLEY COUNTY TRANSFER STATION**

No. SWB 16-18(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 Northwest New Mexico Regional Solid Waste Authority (“Applicant”) for renewal and modification of the McKinley County Transfer Station (“Transfer Station”) permit. The Applicant is seeking to renew the existing solid waste facility permit and obtain a permit modification for addition of land to the existing solid waste facility. The permit renewal and modification application was initially submitted to the Department on April 6, 2015.

Hearing Date, Time, and Location: The hearing will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at the McKinley County Commission Chambers, 207 West Hill Avenue, Gallup, NM. Public comment will be taken starting at 5:30 p.m. on February 2 and as additionally determined by the Hearing Officer. The hearing may continue on the following day(s) 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 September 19, 2016. 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:

Northwest New Mexico Regional Solid Waste Authority
P.O. Box 1330
Thoreau, NM 87323
Contact Person: Mr. Billy Moore
Phone: (505) 905-8402

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

- (a) Anticipated Start-Up Date: The Transfer Station is an existing solid waste facility. Permit no. SWM-171004 was issued in January 1996. If approved, the anticipated start-up date for the permit modification is the date of permit application approval.
- (b) Hours of Operation: The Transfer Station’s operating hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The Transfer Station is open to the public for waste acceptance 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The Transfer Station is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day.

Description of the Facility:

- (a) Location and Size: The Transfer Station is located at 107 Hasler Valley Road, Gallup, NM. The facility is located in Section 11, Township 15N, Range 18W, NMPM. The currently permitted facility property is 10 acres in size.

- (b) General Process: The Transfer Station currently receives municipal solid waste (including construction and demolition debris), tires, and select recyclable materials (scrap metal/white goods, metal cans, mixed paper, cardboard, plastic, electronic waste, brush/green waste, and used oil/lubricants) from commercial haulers and the public. Municipal solid waste is unloaded onto the tipping floor. Heavy equipment is used to push the waste into the loading hopper. A transfer trailer is located beneath the loading hopper to receive the waste. Waste is transported to Red Rocks Regional Landfill for disposal. Recyclable materials are directed to their respective storage areas at the facility. Most of the recyclable materials (scrap metal/white goods, metal cans, mixed paper, cardboard, and plastic) are transported to Red Rocks Regional Landfill for further processing. Electronic waste and used oil/lubricants are transported to off-site processing facilities. Brush/green waste is mulched and beneficially used at the facility or given to the public.
- (c) Quantity and Rate of Solid Waste: The Transfer Station received approximately 36,000 tons of solid waste and recyclables in 2015, or approximately 115 tons of solid waste and recyclables per operating day.
- (d) Types of Solid Waste: The Transfer Station accepts municipal solid waste (including construction and demolition debris), tires, and select recyclable materials (scrap metal/white goods, metal cans, mixed paper, cardboard, plastic, electronic waste, brush/green waste, and used oil/lubricants).
- (e) Description of the Modification: The Transfer Station is seeking permit modification for a facility boundary change that would add 4.85 acres of land to the permitted solid waste facility (total of 14.85 acres).

Origin of Waste: Waste received at the Transfer Station originates from the City of Gallup, McKinley County, and the Navajo Nation.

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.nmcpr.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.nmcpr.state.nm.us/nmac/_title20/T20C009.htm or by contacting George Schuman of the Solid Waste Bureau at (505)827-2328.

Any person may speak at the public hearing or submit general written comments without filing any documents beforehand. However, a 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, January 19, 2017. 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. Vincent Velarde by Thursday, January 19, 2017 at the New Mexico Environment Department, Human Resources Bureau, P.O. Box 5469, 1190 St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM, 87502, telephone (505)827-0605. Text Telephone (TTY) and Voice Relay users should access Mr. Velarde'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 application may be reviewed at the following locations:

New Mexico Environment Department, Solid Waste Bureau, 1190 South 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.

New Mexico Environment Department, Gallup Field Office, 911 Metro Ave., Gallup, NM 87301; Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Phone: (505)722-4160.