

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF SOUTH CENTRAL SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY
FOR A SOLID WASTE FACILITY PERMIT RENEWAL
FOR SOUTH CENTRAL SOLID WASTE TRANSFER
AND RECYCLING FACILITY**

No. SWB 16-01(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 South Central Solid Waste Authority (“Applicant”) for renewal of the South Central Solid Waste Transfer and Recycling Facility (“Transfer Station”) permit. The applicant is seeking to renew the existing solid waste facility permit. The permit application was initially submitted to the Department on November 12, 2014.

Hearing Date, Time, and Location: The hearing will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 in the Las Cruces Utilities Board Room, 680 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, New Mexico. Public comment will be taken starting at 5:30 p.m. on April 19 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 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 February 8, 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:

Applicant/Owner of the Transfer Station:
South Central Solid Waste Authority
2865 W. Amador Ave.
Las Cruces, NM 88033
Contact Person: Mr. Patrick Peck
Phone: (575) 528-3800

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-071307 was issued in November 1995.

(b) Hours of Operation: The Transfer Station’s operating hours are 4:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. seven days per week. The Transfer Station is open to the public 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The Transfer Station is closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s Day and other holidays determined by the Authority.

Description of the Facility:

(a) Location and Size: The Transfer Station is located at 2865 West Amador Avenue in Las Cruces, NM. The facility is located in Section 23, Township 23S, Range1E, NMPM. The facility property is 10.451 acres in size.

- (b) General Process: The Transfer Station currently receives municipal solid waste (including construction and demolition debris) and select recyclable materials (paper, plastics, metals, and e-waste) from government haulers, private haulers, and the public. Municipal solid waste is unloaded into the surge pit. Heavy equipment is used to push the waste into a compactor hopper. Waste in the hopper moves into a compactor and is compressed prior to loading into transfer trailers. Waste is transported to Corralitos Landfill for disposal. Recyclable materials are unloaded onto the tipping floor in the recyclables area, consolidated, and placed into transfer trailers using heavy equipment. Recyclable materials are transported to Friedman Recycling in El Paso, Texas.
- (c) Quantity and Rate of Solid Waste: The Transfer Station received approximately 125,500 tons of solid waste in 2015, or approximately 344 tons of solid waste per day. The Transfer Station receives approximately 40 tons per day of recyclable materials.
- (d) Types of Solid Waste: The Transfer Station accepts municipal solid waste (including construction and demolition debris) and select recyclable materials (paper, plastics, metals, and e-waste).

Origin of Waste: Waste received at the Transfer Station originates from the City of Las Cruces and other areas of Doña Ana 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.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.

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., Tuesday, April 5, 2016. 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 Tuesday, April 5, 2016 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 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 Teresa Musial at (505)827-2608.

New Mexico Environment Department, Las Cruces District Office, 2301 Entrada Del Sol, Las Cruces, NM 88001; Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Phone: (575) 288-2050.

South Central Solid Waste Authority, 2865 W. Amador Ave., Las Cruces, NM 88033. Phone: (575)528-3800.