



## **NEWS RELEASE**

**January 2, 2019**

**Contact:** New Mexico Environment Department  
505.827.2855

### **Environment Department to Review Proposed Investigation to Characterize Groundwater and Soil Contamination at the former Karler Meat Packing Facility**

**Santa Fe** – The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Ground Water Quality Bureau has received a Stage 1 Abatement Plan proposal to investigate soil and ground water contamination at the former Karler meat packing facility located at 9111 Broadway Blvd. SE, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The Ground Water Quality Bureau required the property owner (Responsible Party) to submit the abatement plan to address groundwater and soil pollution at the site. Previous groundwater sampling results indicate that concentrations of nitrate, chloride, and total dissolved solids (TDS) exceed the groundwater standards specified in the Section 3103 of the New Mexico Ground and Surface Water Protection Regulations (20.6.2 NMAC). In this area, the depth to groundwater is reported to be 54 to 92 feet below the ground surface.

The Stage 1 Abatement Plan proposal describes the collection of groundwater and soil samples. The investigation will define the extent of soil and groundwater impacts at the site, for which the NMED has no recent data.

Once a Stage 1 Abatement Plan is complete, the Responsible Party is required to submit a Stage 2 Abatement Plan proposal to NMED that outlines proposed actions to remediate the pollution that was identified as a result of the Stage 1 investigation. The public will have an opportunity to comment on the Stage 2 Abatement Plan proposal and may also request a hearing. The department will seek public comment within 90 days of receiving the Stage 2 Abatement plan.

A copy of the proposed Stage 1 Abatement Plan proposal is available at:

<https://www.env.nm.gov/gwqb/public-notice> or by contacting Justin Ball, Acting Program Manager Remediation Oversight Section, Ground Water Quality Bureau, NMED District 1 Office, 121 Tijeras Avenue, NE, Suite 1000, Albuquerque, NM 87102-3400, (505) 222-9522; [Justin.ball@state.nm.us](mailto:Justin.ball@state.nm.us).

---

---

NMED does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, age or sex in the administration of its programs or activities, as required by applicable laws and regulations. NMED is responsible for coordination of compliance efforts and receipt of inquiries concerning non-discrimination requirements implemented by 40 C.F.R. Parts 5 and 7, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and Section 13 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972. If you have any questions about this notice or any of NMED's non-discrimination programs, policies or procedures, you may contact:

Kristine Pintado, Non-Discrimination Coordinator  
New Mexico Environment Department  
1190 St. Francis Dr., Suite N4050  
P.O. Box 5469  
Santa Fe, NM 87502  
(505) 827-2855  
[nd.coordinator@state.nm.us](mailto:nd.coordinator@state.nm.us)

send email to: [nd.coordinator@state.nm.us](mailto:nd.coordinator@state.nm.us)

If you believe that you have been discriminated against with respect to a NMED program or activity, you may contact the Non-Discrimination Coordinator identified above.