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State issues administrative compliance order to Albuquerquebased Kachina Petroleum Equipment Company

Company allegedly violated state, federal hazardous waste laws

ALBUQUERQUE — The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) issued an <u>administrative</u> <u>compliance order</u> to Kachina Petroleum Equipment Co. (Kachina) for alleged violations of state and federal hazardous waste laws.

NMED discovered multiple violations at the Kachina facility located at 9600 Bell Avenue SE in Albuquerque during a routine compliance inspection in July 2019. The violations include improper transport, documentation and labeling of hazardous wastes stored at the facility, as well as insufficient employee training. Kachina also failed to pay required fees in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

To date, Kachina has not adequately addressed the violations.

The administrative compliance order requires Kachina to correct the violations, as well as pay a civil penalty of \$20,100.

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