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NMED reviews abatement plan for Albuquerque dry cleaner

SANTA FE — The New Mexico Environment Department is reviewing a plan to investigate indoor air, subsurface soil and vapor contamination at the ABQ Cleaners Laundry facility in Albuquerque.

The department's Ground Water Quality Bureau received a Stage 1 Abatement Plan from Fetherolf, LLC, West Mesa Real Estate Holdings, LLC, and Daniel B. Stephens & Associates, Inc. on April 23, 2026. Fetherolf, LLC and West Mesa Real Estate Holdings, LLC are the owners of ABQ Cleaners Laundry, located at 3002 Monte Vista Blvd. NE in Albuquerque.

The plan is intended to better understand environmental impacts from a subsurface vapor plume associated with ABQ Cleaners' dry-cleaning operations since at least 1987. Pollutants at the site are chlorinated solvents, including tetrachloroethene, known as PCE, and related breakdown products such as TCE, DCE and vinyl chloride.

Because the property formerly operated as a dry cleaner, the contamination likely came from historical use, storage or disposal of dry-cleaning solvents, including leaks or spills from equipment, storage containers, floor drains, piping or waste handling areas.

The abatement plan, [available here](#), proposes collecting additional soil vapor data across the site to better understand the magnitude and extent of the plume's effects on the site and surrounding properties. The plan also outlines interim corrective measures to address acute indoor air concerns in known impacted buildings.

By June 23, 2026, NMED will either approve the plan or notify the owners of any deficiencies and require resubmittal. Once the owners and NMED gather sufficient information to identify the source and extent of contamination, NMED will require submittal of a Stage 2 Abatement Plan that identifies the preferred cleanup strategy for the site.

For more information on the plan, contact Kate Herrell of the State Cleanup Program at (505) 670-1796 or kate.herrell@env.nm.gov, or Paul Chamberlain at (505) 670-2571 or paul.chamberlain@env.nm.gov.

NMED is providing this notice of receipt of the Stage 1 Abatement Plan pursuant to 20.6.2.4108(A) NMAC.

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