Facility Name: Santa Fe Facility

Facility Location: 86 Paseo de River, Santa Fe, NM 87507
   approximately 0.7 miles north of the intersection of Airport Rd. and Veteran’s Memorial Hwy.

County: Santa Fe County

Applicant: Associated Asphalt and Materials, LLC
            3810 Oliver Rd., Santa Fe, NM 87507

Proposed Permitting Action: Issuance of an Air Quality New Source Review (NSR) Permit

Regulatory Authority: 20.2.72 of the New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC)

Issuing Agency: Air Quality Bureau (AQB) of the New Mexico Environment Department

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The New Mexico Environment Department has prepared this Fact Sheet in association with the referenced air quality permitting action to provide information regarding the applicant, a brief description of the proposed facility, information about how a person may become involved in this permitting action, and a brief summary of the basis of the draft permit conditions.

Description of the Proposed Permit

On November 26, 2019, Associated Asphalt and Materials, LLC (AAM) applied for a new 20.2.72 NMAC air quality permit to consolidate two separate permitted facilities into a single facility to be located at 86 Paseo de River, Santa Fe, NM 87507. The new facility will include a 200 ton per hour (TPH) aggregate crushing and screening plant, a 50 TPH aggregate scalping screen, a 150 TPH hot mix asphalt plant (Plant #2 HMA), and a 300 TPH hot mix asphalt plant (Plant #5 HMA).

Plant #5 HMA is permitted for and is presently located on this site (86 Paseo de River, Santa Fe, NM 87507). The crushing and screening plant is permitted for and is operating just west of this site. AAM will be moving equipment operating at other sites in Santa Fe, including Plant #2 HMA and the scalping screen plant, to the proposed location. This permitting action will consolidate AAM’s operations in Santa Fe into this single site. AAM will close its two existing permits upon startup under this new permit.
Rationale for Hearing

Concerned citizens contend that the Department’s issuance of the AAM Permit would have negative impacts on air quality; increase noise and vehicle traffic on public roads; degrade natural beauty and quality of life for residents; and threaten wildlife, historic structures, tourism, water quality, water conservation, and property values. Based on citizens’ comments and “significant public interest,” the Bureau recommended that a public hearing be held for this air permit application.

Public Participation / Hearing

NMED will notify the public of the availability of the draft Air Quality NSR Permit and this Fact Sheet in a state-wide newspaper and in a local newspaper of general circulation. To obtain information related to this permitting action, visit the Air Quality Bureau’s website at https://www.env.nm.gov/air-quality/permit-applications-with-public-interest-public-meeting-or-public-hearing/ and scroll down to “Associated Asphalt and Materials,” or contact the AQB contact listed at the beginning of this Fact Sheet. Any person who intends to provide a technical written statement or oral testimony shall file a Statement of Intent to Present Technical Testimony no later than March 1, 2021. A virtual public hearing is scheduled to begin at 4:00 on March 22, 2021. Members of the public who want to attend the virtual hearing can find a link to attend at the Air Quality Bureau’s website, listed above. Spanish interpretation will be available. The hearing officer will also accept non-technical public comment at 4:00 p.m. and again at 7:00 p.m.

Regulatory Framework

In New Mexico, Construction Permits are required by 20.2.72 NMAC of the New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC) for facilities with a potential emission rate either greater than 10 pounds per hour (pph) or 25 tons per year (tpy) of any pollutant with a national or state ambient air quality standard. In reviewing and approving an application, the Department must ensure that the facility, as represented in the application, demonstrates compliance with all federal and state regulations.

Basis for Draft Permit Conditions

The Department’s authority to include conditions in an Air Quality permit is stated in 20.2.72.210 NMAC Permit Conditions. If a permit is issued, it will specify what equipment is authorized to be installed and operated, will place limits on air pollutants, and place requirements on how equipment will be operated. A permit is an enforceable legal document, and will include emission limits, methods for determining compliance on a regular basis, and will place monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements to ensure and verify compliance with the requirements of the permit.

Conditions in Part A of the permit are Facility Specific Requirements, unique to the facility. They are site-specific and based on information provided in the application.

Conditions in Part B of the permit are General Conditions and standard language which generally apply to all sources. Part C is also standard language about supporting on-line documents, definitions, and acronyms which apply to all sources.