

POJOAQUE FIRE STATION

Location: 17919 US 84/285. On the arroyo adjacent to the Pojoaque Fire Station on the west side of US 285 in Pojoaque. See attached google map.

Approximate Date of Construction: 2001

Number of bales / tires used: Unknown

Design information: Design is similar to the Agua Fria Landfill Closure project with no shot cover.

Cost: Unknown

Other information: The project was first visited by NMED staff (staff) in 2003. During that visit, NMED staff saw the onset of cracking of dirt above/behind the bales caused by inadequate drainage of water from the parking lot adjacent to it.

On September 7, 2011 a site visit to the structure was made again by staff. An addition to the fire station, being constructed by Santa Fe County, was being built on top of the fire station parking lot. Staff saw that erosion behind the bales is severe and that bales are now slumping toward the arroyo.

On 9-8-11, staff contacted the Santa Fe County project manager to discuss possible failure of the bale structure and the affect that might have on the fire station. The project manager said that the bale structure was the responsibility of Pojoaque Pueblo. He sent staff a copy of the Drainage Study for the fire station addition done in July 2010. The Study stated that there was sufficient erosion control in place to protect the down hillside of the fire station. The Study acknowledges the presence of the tire bale structure.

On September 12, 2011, staff contacted a representative of the Pojoaque Pueblo and informed him about the potential failure of the bale structure and the possible affect that might have on the fire station. He asked if a 404-401 permit had been obtained. He said that he would like to meet with Santa Fe County officials to discuss the situation and would contact staff to arrange the meeting.

NOTE: NMED has no regulatory authority over permitting or maintaining such a facility on Pueblo Land.

Photos attached



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