

PUBLIC NOTICE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF PROPOSED PERMIT AND PUBLIC HEARING, AND REQUEST FOR
PUBLIC COMMENT OF PROPOSED Synthetic Minor Permit *for Sandia Resort and Casino*
PERMIT R6NSR-NM- 0001

Public Comment Period November 12, 2015 – December 14, 2015

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) provides notice of and requests public comments on the EPA's proposed action relating to the Synthetic Minor New Source Review (MNSR) permit application for Sandia Resort and Casino on the Pueblo of Sandia, 30 Rainbow Road N.E., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87113-2156. If finalized, the EPA's issuance of this permit would regulate pollutant emissions associated with the operation of five emergency diesel engines and seventeen boilers at the Casino. The emissions from the operation of these emission sources meet the synthetic minor permit limits by restricting operation of the diesel engines/generators at 100 hours per generator per year. Under the provisions of 40 CFR §49.151 EPA Region 6 implements the MNSR Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) for The Region 6 Tribal Nations.

The annual emissions in tons per year from the facility are: *27.94 NO_x, 0.134 SO₂ 1.41 PM₁₀, 1.41 PM_{2.5} 17.85 CO, 1.59 VOC, and less than 0.5 HAP.* Any interested individual may submit written comments on EPA's proposed permit for the Sandia Resort and Casino. Comments must specify any reasonable ascertainable issue with supporting arguments in writing by December 14, 2015, or postmarked by December 14, 2015, to Bonnie Braganza at one of the following addresses:

EPA Contact: Bonnie Braganza
Phone Number: (214) 665- 7340
E-mail: braganza.bonnie@epa.gov
US Mail: U.S. EPA Region 6
Air Permits Section, 6MM-AP
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
Dallas, TX 75202

Permittee: Sandia Resort and Casino
30 Rainbow Road N.E.,
Bernalillo County,
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87113-2156
Facility contact: Frank Chaves
Email: fchaves@sandiapueblo.nsn.us
Phone Number: 505-771-5084

EPA will consider and respond to all comments in making the final decision regarding the issuing of the permit. Similar comments may be grouped together in the response, and the EPA will not respond to individual commenters directly.

Additionally, all comments will be included in the administrative record without change, and may be made available to the public, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Thus, CBI or other protected information should be clearly identified as such, and should not be submitted through email. Emails sent directly to the EPA will capture your email address automatically and will be included as a part of the public comment. *Please note that an email or postal address must*

be provided with your comments if you wish to receive responses to comments submitted during the public comment period and direct notification of EPA's final decision regarding the permit. An extension of the 30-day comment period may be granted if the request for an extension adequately demonstrates why additional time is required to prepare comments.

Public Hearing: If EPA determines that there is a significant amount of public interest in the draft permit, the EPA has the right to hold a public hearing. Any request for a public hearing must be received by the EPA either by email or mail by December 7, 2015, and must state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Attendance at the public hearing is not required in order to submit written comments. *If the EPA determines that there is significant public interest*, a public hearing will be held from 6:00-8:00 pm, January 21, 2016, at the following location:

Sandia Police Department Conference Room
10600 Apache Plume
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87113
Phone: 505-798-7481

The Police Department's physical address is 10600 Apache Plume, Albuquerque, NM. However, do not follow Google Maps or Map Quest directions to this address, rather from I-25, take the Tramway – Roy Exit and turn west onto Roy Avenue. As soon as you turn on to Roy Avenue, you will see the Tiwa gas station on the south side of the road. Turn at the Tiwa station and the Police Department is a new building directly behind the gas station. Enter the building from the parking lot through the south door and the conference room will be open.

If a public hearing is held, the public comment period shall automatically be extended to the close of the public hearing. The EPA maintains the right to cancel a public hearing if no request for a public hearing is received by December 7, 2015, or the EPA determines that there is not a significant interest. *If the public hearing is cancelled*, notification of the cancellation will be posted by December 9, 2015, on the EPA's website: <http://www2.epa.gov/caa-permitting/tribal-nsr-permits-epas-south-central-region>. Individuals may also call the EPA at the contact number listed above to determine if the public hearing has been cancelled.

Permit Documents: EPA's draft permit, technical support document, permit application and supporting documentation, and comments received from the public, other government agencies, and the applicant during the public comment period become part of the administrative record for the permit. In addition, all data submitted by the applicant is available as a part of the administrative record. The public can access the administrative record at the following locations:

EPA's website: <http://www2.epa.gov/caa-permitting/tribal-nsr-permits-epas-south-central-region>

At the EPA Region 6 office, Monday – Friday, from 7:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m., excluding Federal holidays:

EPA Region 6 Office
1445 Ross Avenue, 7th Floor
Dallas, TX 75202
Phone: 214-665-7200

Or

Pueblo of Sandia Learning Resource Center

481 Sandia Loop
Bernalillo, New Mexico 87004
Phone: 505-771-5074
Monday to Friday, 8 am to 5 pm

Final Determination: A final decision to issue a permit or to deny the application for the permit shall be made after all comments have been considered. Notice of the final decision shall be sent to each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice of the final permit decision, provided the EPA has adequate contact information.