

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF FILING OF APPLICATION BY THE SOUTHWEST SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY FOR A SOLID WASTE (MUNICIPAL/SPECIAL) LANDFILL PERMIT MODIFICATION TO ACCEPT SLUDGE (A SPECIAL WASTE) AT THE SOUTHWEST NEW MEXICO REGIONAL LANDFILL IN SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO**

Pursuant to Section 22 of the New Mexico Solid Waste Act (NMSA 1978, section 74-9-22), and 20.9.3.22 NMAC (the Rules), notice is hereby given to the public and other potentially affected individuals and entities that the Southwest Solid Waste Authority (SWSWA) has filed an application with the Solid Waste Bureau of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) to modify the solid waste facility permit (the Permit) for the Southwest New Mexico Regional Landfill (Landfill). The Application documents will be available for review at the Applicant's address as listed in Section 1 and at the New Mexico Environment Department's address as listed in Section 5 of this Notice. Pertinent information required by the Act and the Rules is as follows:

1. Name, Address and Phone Number of Applicant and Contact Person.

(a) Applicant/Owner of Southwest New Mexico Regional Landfill:

Southwest Solid Waste Authority  
PO Box 2617  
Silver City, NM 88062  
(575) 388-8051

(b) Contact Person for Landfill:

Mr. C.J. Law, Manager  
(575) 388-8051

2. Anticipated Start-Up Date of Renewal and Modification and Hours of Operation

The property on which the Landfill is located is owned by the SWSWA. The Landfill is an existing solid waste facility operating under a permit issued by the NMED in December, 1994 that currently accepts residential, commercial, construction and demolition waste, as well as offal a special waste as defined in the Act and the Rules. The Landfill will continue to operate under its existing permit until the NMED Secretary decides whether to issue, issue with conditions, or to deny the permit for modification. Current operating hours for the landfill are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday as daylight allows. The Landfill is closed on Sundays and six major holidays and three additional days. The Landfill may operate outside scheduled operating hours to accommodate site preparation, inclement weather conditions, cover application, special projects, liner construction, maintenance, monitoring, etc.

3. Description of the Facility

- a. General Process: The Landfill will continue to receive solid waste from commercial haulers and the public. The solid waste is placed and compacted in lined units/cells that are served by environmental control systems; including, but not limited to, leachate collection systems, composite liners and stormwater management controls. Special wastes will be processed in accordance with the permit conditions and applicable Rules. At the end of each working day, the working face of the municipal solid waste (MSW) disposal area will be covered with at least six inches of soil or an alternative daily cover as approved by NMED. The Landfill also operates a public drop-off and recycling center on site.
- b. Location: The Landfill is located at 318 Ridge Rd, Silver City New Mexico.
- c. Size: The existing Landfill disposal area comprises approximately 35± acres of a 125 acre tract.
- d. Quantities and Rate of Solid Waste: The Landfill currently receives an average of 33,000 tons of solid waste per year, but may receive more or less solid waste depending upon market conditions and future special waste opportunities. Approximately 89% consists of residential and commercial solid waste and 11% is construction and demolition waste. No special waste has been received. The quantity and rate may be expanded in the future as demand increases.

- e. Types of Solid Wastes: The Landfill will continue to accept solid waste and special waste, including the following nonhazardous wastes:
- (i) residential municipal solid waste;
  - (ii) commercial solid waste;
  - (iii) construction and demolition debris;
  - (iv) offal (special waste)

In addition, the Landfill is requesting approval to dispose of the following non-hazardous special wastes:

- (i) sludge (special waste)

- f. Description of the Modification: The purpose of this action is to obtain a permit modification to accept sludge a special waste. The initial sludge waste streams would come from Silver City and Bayard wastewater treatment plants (WWTP's). In the future the sludge could come from other WWTP's or water treatment plants. The landfill is initially estimated to accept between 160-230 tons of sludge per year.

4. Origin of Waste.

It is anticipated that the majority of wastes received at the Landfill will originate primarily from Silver City, NM and Grant, Catron and Hidalgo Counties (NM). However, waste disposed at the landfill may be generated outside of those areas.

5. Comments

Questions or comments regarding the Application should be directed to the Applicant at the address provided in Section 1 of this Notice and to:

William Schueler  
NMED - Solid Waste Bureau  
1190 St. Francis Drive, P.O. Box 5469  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-5469  
Telephone (505) 827-2464

The Act, the Rules and Permit Hearing Procedures are available in the Department's web page at: <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/SWB>.