

Public Service Company of New Mexico

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Ms. Adele Cardenas
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Subject: Los Mestenos Compressor Station - Permit Revision

Dear Ms. Cardenas:

On March 1, 1995, I called you in regards to the permit status of Los Mestenos Compressor Station (Los Mestenos) operated by the Gas Company of New Mexico (GCNM), an unincorporated division of the Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM). Los Mestenos is located on Jicarilla Apache Indian Land and hence is no longer regulated by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). The most recent permit for the compressor station was issued by the NMED in September 1993. The permit required a compliance test for the Solar Saturn 1200 turbine located at the site. The turbine is an NSPS unit. The turbine was tested January 25-26, 1995. These test results indicate the NO_x emission rate is higher than the permitted emission rate. In the past, GCNM would have filed a permit revision with an emission increase with the NMED, but this now falls under Region VI's jurisdiction. You indicated in our conversation that this revision could be handled in the operating permit application or a revised permit could be issued by Region VI. GCNM prefers to have an air permit issued reflecting the test results and not waiting to make these changes in the operating permit application.

I have included the most recent permit (September 1993) issued by the NMED, a copy of the 1995 turbine emission test results, and a copy of the permit application GCNM would have submitted to the NMED for the emissions increase revision. Hopefully, this information will facilitate your review and permit issuance.

With respect to operating permits, Los Mestenos is a major source due to CO emissions greater than 100 tons per year. Again, GCNM would have filed an operating permit application with the NMED, but they no longer regulate the facility. Instead, an operating permit application will be filed with EPA Region VI in accordance with the regulatory requirements. You have requested some basic information for your record keeping purposes on this facility. I believe the information provided as part of the permit revision describes the facility and the emissions quite well.

If you have any questions regarding the permit revision information or need more information on the facility for the operating permit program, please call me at 505-848-2385.

Sincerely,

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