

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Air Quality Construction Permit For**  
**SMI-ABQ Assets, LLC.**

SMI-ABQ Assets, LLC. submitted an application for a new air quality construction permit to the Air Quality Program (Program) of the City of Albuquerque Environmental Health Department. The Program received the application on October 19, 2022. The owner of the facility is SMI-ABQ Assets, LLC., 16801 Greenspoint Park Drive, Suite 376, Houston, Texas 77060. The facility, Vassar Care Center (Mortuary and Crematorium), is located at 3300 Vassar Drive NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107. This application file has been assigned Permit Application No. 3476. The Program has made an affirmative administrative completeness determination and is providing this notice pursuant to 20.11.41.14 NMAC.

The applicant is requesting a new construction permit for a new mortuary and crematory. The application proposes to construct and operate one retort fueled by natural gas with a rating capacity of 3 MMBtu/hr, which will operate 24 hours a day, 7 days per week, and 365 days per year.

The proposed air pollution maximum allowable emissions from this facility have been estimated to be:

POLLUTANT	Proposed Total Emissions <sup>1</sup>	
	(lbs/hr)	(tpy)
Nitrogen Oxides (NOx)	0.74	3.24
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	0.62	2.70
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)	0.054	0.23
Sulfur Oxides (SOx)	0.27	1.20
Particulate Matter ≤ 10 microns (PM <sub>10</sub> )	0.16	0.72
Particulate Matter ≤ 2.5 microns (PM <sub>2.5</sub> )	0.16	0.72
Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAP)	0.15	0.66

<sup>1</sup>The proposed total emission in this notice could change slightly during the course of the Program's review of the application.

The Program has conducted a preliminary review of the air quality modeling information submitted with the permit application. The Program's preliminary review and the applicant's analysis of ambient air quality impacts indicated that the facility's air emissions will meet the air quality standards for CO, NOx, SO<sub>2</sub>, and Particulate Matter (both PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>). In regards to the ozone air quality standard, ozone is normally only modeled for regional compliance demonstrations and does not need to be modeled for air quality permits subject to certain exceptions not applicable here. The Program's modeling guidelines are available at: <http://www.cabq.gov/airquality/air-quality-permits/dispersion-modeling-guidelines>.

A copy of the permit application, all supporting documentation, and the Program's technical analysis, if and when it is completed, may be inspected by the public at the Program offices at Room 3023, One Civic Plaza NW, Albuquerque, NM. Any person who wishes to receive notice of the availability of the Program's technical analysis for review and comment, must expressly request notice in writing to the Program at: Albuquerque Environmental Health Department, Air Quality Program – Permitting Section P.O. Box 1293, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103 before the end of the public comment period on December 30, 2022. The public will have no fewer than 30 days to submit written comments and

evidence, request a public information hearing, or both on the permit application to the Program. Comments will be accepted and considered if postmarked by the end of the public comment period. Formal action on the application will be reserved pending receipt and analysis of any additional details or information developed during the public comment period. Any person who does not participate in the permitting action will not receive notification of the Program's decision regarding the proposed permit, unless the person has delivered a written request for notice to the department. The application, all supporting documentation, and the public notice are available online at <http://www.cabq.gov/airquality/air-quality-permits>.

The Program shall hold a Public Information Hearing pursuant to 20.11.41.15 NMAC if the Director determines there is significant public interest and a significant air quality issue is involved.

The Program expects to issue, issue subject to conditions, or deny this application before February 18, 2023. The Program will not issue any air quality permit with or without conditions unless an air quality ambient impact dispersion modeling study, if deemed necessary by the Program, shows that the facility would not cause or contribute to a potential violation of air quality standards. If the Program issues the permit with conditions, the conditions will include those that limit the emissions, and conditions that will require recordkeeping and reporting to the Program to ensure compliance with federal and local air regulations.

The Program's offices are located at One Civic Plaza NW, Room 3023, Albuquerque, NM 87102. The Program's mailing address is Albuquerque Environmental Health Department, Air Quality Program – Permitting Section, PO Box 1293, Albuquerque, NM 87103.

For more information, contact Carina G. Munoz-Dyer, Environmental Health Manager, at 505-768-1948 or [cmunoz-dyer@cabq.gov](mailto:cmunoz-dyer@cabq.gov).

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If you have a disability and require special assistance to participate, please contact Carina G. Munoz-Dyer at 505-768-1948 as soon as possible before the deadline. Those in need of hearing assistance may call 711.