



# City of Albuquerque

## Environmental Health Department

### Air Quality Program

## **Strengthened Federal Requirements for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills**

### **Updates to Federal New Source Performance Standards and National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants**

On August 29, 2016 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published rules on air emissions for new and existing municipal solid waste landfills. The EPA rules require state and local air quality jurisdictions to implement specific regulatory requirements for affected landfills and submit a plan for compliance to EPA by May 30, 2017.

#### **What do the federal rules for landfills require?**

- Federal rules apply to very large landfills in existence now or built in future
- Stronger emission controls for those landfills accepting municipal solid waste
- Lower emission threshold for installation of pollution controls in new & existing landfills
- New requirements on operation & performance of pollution controls at affected facilities
- New requirements on testing, monitoring, records, reporting to show facility compliance

#### **What is the City of Albuquerque Environmental Health Department proposing?**

- Request action by the Albuquerque – Bernalillo County Air Quality Control Board:
  - amend regulations implementing federal landfill requirements
  - adopt a plan demonstrating to EPA compliance with federal rule for existing landfills
  - incorporate recent federal standards on new sources and hazardous air pollutants
    - periodic update to air quality standards for source categories beyond landfills

#### **How can I learn more?**

- Go to [www.epa.gov/landfills](http://www.epa.gov/landfills). Click on the links for "municipal solid waste landfills."
- Read the Environmental Health Department's request to the Air Board:  
<http://www.cabq.gov/airquality/air-quality-control-board/petitions>