

## **NOTICE FOR NEWSPAPER**

This is to inform you that Plains All American Pipeline, L.P. (Plains), located at 333 Clay Street, Houston, TX 77002, has submitted a Stage 2 Abatement Plan, to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) pursuant to 19.15.30 New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC) for groundwater impacted by petroleum hydrocarbons, including benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and total xylenes (BTEX), at the Lovington Gathering WTI Site.

This Site is located approximately 6.5 miles southeast of Lovington and in the SE ¼, NE ¼, Section 6, Township 17 South, Range 37 East in Lea County, New Mexico. The geographic coordinates of the Site are 32.8649° North latitude and 103.2853 West longitude. The groundwater impacts are associated with a historic crude oil release resulting from internal pipeline corrosion.

On October 2, 2025, NMOCD notified Plains that an updated Stage 2 Abatement Plan was required to supersede the initial abatement plan submitted in August 2010 in order to further address the historic release.

The submitted Stage 2 Abatement Plan proposal consists of: 1) deployment of oxygen release compound (ORC) socks for treatment of dissolved-phase groundwater impacts, 2) implementation of monitored natural attenuation (MNA) for groundwater, 3) evaluation and potential implementation of pump-and-treat (P&T) as a hydraulic control and active abatement option to mitigate off-Site migration of dissolved-phase impacts, 4) continued groundwater monitoring and gauging of monitoring wells and accessible private wells, and 5) additional investigations, including installation of new monitoring wells, to delineate groundwater impacts and evaluate the feasibility of P&T.

The Director of the NMCOD will consider the proposed Stage 2 Abatement Plan and all comments received from the public in determining whether to approve the plan or notify Plains of any deficiencies.

The Stage 2 Abatement Plan is available for public review on the NMOCD public notices webpage at <https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/> and may also be obtained by contacting the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department during normal business hours.

Written comments regarding the proposed Stage 2 Abatement Plan, as well as requests for a public meeting or hearing (including a statement of reasons why such a meeting or hearing should be held), must be received within thirty (30) days of publication of this notice.

Written statements, comments and/or requests must be submitted to:

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