



**Air Pollution Control  
Title V Permit to Operate  
Statement of Basis for Permit No V-SUIT-0029-2023.00  
March 12, 2024**

**Northwest Pipeline LLC  
La Plata B Compressor Station  
Southern Ute Indian Reservation  
La Plata County, Colorado**

**1. Facility Information**

a. Location

The La Plata B Compressor Station, owned and operated by Northwest Pipeline LLC (Northwest) is located within the exterior boundary of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The exact location is Section 35, T34N, R9W, in La Plata County, at latitude North 37.14358 and longitude West -107.78723. The Mailing address is:

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c. Description of Operations

The La Plata B Compressor Station is a natural gas compression and transmission facility located in La Plata County, Colorado. Natural gas is received at the station through a single inlet line from other gas conditioning plants and then compressed at the station. The La Plata B Compressor Station uses two Solar Taurus Model 60 T6502S Turbines to provide compression for Northwest Pipeline's mainline natural gas pipeline system.

Auxiliary equipment at the compressor station includes a 565 bhp Reciprocating Engine (G001) driving an emergency generator (IEU-01), 2.51 MMBtu/hr Boiler (IEU-1), 0.025 MMBtu/hr Space Heaters (Qty: 13) (IEU-2), .50 MMBtu/hr Catalytic Heater (IEU-3), 100 bbl Used Oil/Condensate Storage Tank (IEU-4), and Process Piping & Equipment Leaks (IEU-5).

d. List of All Units and Emission-Generating Activities

Northwest provided the information contained in Tables 1 and 2 in its Part 70 permit renewal application. Table 1 lists emission units and emission generating activities, including any air pollution control devices. Emission units identified as “insignificant” emitting units (IEUs) are listed separately in Table 2.

**Table 1 – Emission Units  
Northwest Pipeline LLC, La Plata B Compressor Station**

<b>Emission Unit ID</b>	<b>Description</b>				<b>Control Equipment</b>
	Solar Taurus 60 T6502S Natural Gas-Fired Simple Cycle Turbine 44.56 MMBtu/hr				None
P001	Serial No.	OHC11-T9506	Install Date:	11/01/1992	
P002	Serial No.	OHG10-T5080	Install Date:	11/01/1992	
	Caterpillar 3412 SITA Natural Gas-Fired Emergency 4SRB Generator 600 Nameplate Rated HP				None
G001	Serial No.	7DB00769	Install Date:	06/01/1992	

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission’s Reservation Air Code allows sources to separately list in the permit application units or activities that qualify as “insignificant” based on potential emissions below 2 tpy for all regulated pollutants that are not listed as hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) under Section 112(b) of the Clean Air Act (CAA) and below 1,000 lbs. per year or the de minimis level established under Section 112(g), whichever is lower, for HAP emissions [RAC 2-106(4)(f); RAC 1-103(36) and (37)]. However, the application may not omit information needed to determine the applicability of, or to impose, any applicable requirement, or to calculate the fee [RAC 2-106(4)(f)]. Units that qualify as “insignificant” for the purposes of the Part 70 application are in no way exempt from applicable requirements or any requirements of the Part 70 permit.

Northwest stated in its Part 70 permit renewal application that the emission units in Table 2, below, are insignificant. The application provided calculations for heater/boiler emissions based on EPA’s AP-42 emission factors. Northwest provided sufficient information, including EPA Tanks 4.0.9d calculations, to verify any emissions from liquids in the tanks were insignificant. This data supports Northwest’s claim that these units qualify as insignificant.

**Table 2 – Insignificant Emission Units  
Northwest Pipeline LLC, La Plata B Compressor Station**

<b>Emission Unit ID</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Units</b>
IEU-1	1	Sellers Water Heater	2.5	MMBtu/hr
IEU-2	13	Space Heaters for Personal Comfort	0.025	MMBtu/hr
IEU-3	1	Catalytic Heater for Chromatograph	0.5	MMBtu/hr
IEU-4	1	Used Oil / Condensate Tank	4,200	gal
IEU-5	5,580	Piping & Equipment Leaks (Fugitives)	N/A	N/A

e. Facility Construction and/or Permitting History

Prior to the promulgation of the Part 71 operating permit requirements, the La Plata B Compressor Station had not been required to obtain any federal air quality control permits. However, the State of Colorado issued air pollutant emission permits 91LP792-1 and 91LP792-2, which defined requirements for the two turbine/duct burner units. The initial Part 71 permit for the La Plata B Compressor Station was issued on November 19, 2003 (# V-SU-0029-00.00). The first permit renewal (# V-SU-0029-08.00) was issued in June 2009. In November 2009, the permit went through an administrative amendment. The amendments are reflected in permit # V-SU-0029-08.01. AQP issued an initial Part 70 permit, # V-SUIT-0029-2014.00 on June 2, 2014. Renewal permit, V-SUIT-0029-2019.00, was issued on April 29, 2019. Northwest Pipeline, LLC (Northwest) transferred ownership of emission units B001 and B002, located at the La Plata B Compressor Station (La Plata B), to Harvest Midstream Company. Northwest submitted an administrative permit revision request to remove emission units B001 and B002 from the Title V permit for La Plata B. The revision was completed February 11, 2021. A renewal permit, V-SUIT-0029-2023.00, was issued on March 12, 2024. No pre-construction permits have been issued to this facility.

f. Potential to Emit

Under RAC 1-103(51), potential to emit (PTE) is defined as the maximum capacity of a stationary source to emit a pollutant under its physical and operational design. Any physical or operational limitation on the capacity of the source to emit a pollutant, including air pollution control equipment and restrictions on hours of operation or on the type or amount of material combusted, stored, or processed, shall be treated as part of its design if the limitation, or the effect it would have on emissions, is federally enforceable.

The PTE for La Plata B Compressor Station was listed by Northwest in Forms “GIS”, “PTE”, and the various forms “EMISS” of the Part 70 operating permit renewal application. Table 3 shows PTE data broken down by each individual emission unit, as well as the total facility-wide PTE.

**Table 3 - Potential to Emit  
Northwest Pipeline LLC, La Plata B Compressor Station**

Emission Unit ID	Regulated Air Pollutants in tpy								
	NO <sub>x</sub>	VOC	SO <sub>2</sub>	PM <sub>10</sub>	CO	Lead	Total HAPs	Largest Single HAP (CH <sub>2</sub> O)	GHGs (CO <sub>2e</sub> mtpy)
P001	32.9	6.8	1.2	1.4	23.8	0.0	0.6	0.6	22,989
P002	32.9	6.8	1.2	1.4	23.8	0.0	0.6	0.6	22,989
G001	2.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	140.6
Total IEUs	1.3	0.6	0.1	0.1	1.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	423.1
	<b>69.8</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>53.2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>46,542</b>

## 2. Tribal Authority

La Plata B Compressor Station is located within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and is thus within Indian Country as defined at 18 U.S.C. §1151. On March 2, 2012, the EPA determined that the Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation had met the requirements of 40 CFR §70.4(b) for full approval to administer its Clean Air Act Title V, Part 70 Permitting Program (Program). In concert with that Program approval, the EPA also found that the Tribe met the requirements of Section 301(d)(2) of the CAA and 40 CFR §49.6 for treatment “in the same manner as a state” for the purposes of issuing CAA Title V, Part 70 operating permits. The EPA promulgated its approval of the Tribe’s applications on March 15, 2012 (77 FR 15267). The requirements of the Clean Air Act Title V, Part 70 Permitting Program (Program) have been incorporated at Article II, Part 1 of the Reservation Air Code. Therefore, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is the appropriate governmental entity to issue the Title V permit to this facility.

Reservation Air Code: The Reservation Air Code was adopted pursuant to the authority vested in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission by (1) the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado Concerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation dated December 13, 1999, (2) tribal law (Resolution of the Council of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe No. 00-09), (3) State law (C.R.S. § 24- 62-101), and (4) as recognized in federal law (Act of October 18, 2004, Pub. L. No. 108-336, 118 Stat.1354).

NSPS and NESHAP Delegation: On September 6, 2013, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe received delegation from the EPA to incorporate by reference into the Reservation Air Code and enforce certain subparts of the new source performance standards (NSPS) and national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants (NESHAP) under Sections 111 and 112 of the Clean Air Act, respectively (78 FR 40635). These NSPS and NESHAP subparts generally apply to oil and gas operations within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and were adopted, unchanged, into the Reservation Air Code as Parts 2 and 3.

Tribal Minor New Source Review Program: Minor sources of air pollution located within the Southern Ute Indian Reservation exterior boundaries must comply with either the “Federal Implementation Plan for Managing Air Emissions From True Minor Sources In Indian Country In The Oil And Natural Gas

Production And Natural Gas Processing Segments Of The Oil And Natural Gas Sector” listed at 40 CFR §49.101 – 105 or the “Federal Minor New Source Review Program In Indian Country” listed at 40 CFR §49.151 – 164.

### 3. Applicable Requirements

The following discussion addresses a selection of the regulations from the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at Title 40. Note that this discussion does not include the full spectrum of potentially applicable regulations and is not intended to represent official applicability determinations. These discussions are based on the information provided by Northwest Pipeline LLC in its Part 70 renewal permit application and are only intended to present the information certified to be true and accurate by the Responsible Official of this facility.

#### Tribal Minor New Source Review (TMNSR) – 40 CFR Part 49

EPA promulgated the federal rule “Review of New Sources and Modifications in Indian Country,” otherwise known as the Tribal Minor New Source Review Rule (TMNSR), on July 1, 2011 (76 FR 38748). The TMNSR rule applies to all new or modified industrial facilities in Indian country with a potential to emit equal to or greater than the minor NSR thresholds, but less than the major source thresholds, which are generally 100 to 250 tons per year (tpy). The minor NSR thresholds for attainment/unclassifiable areas are displayed in the table below:

**40 CFR 49.153 Minor NSR Thresholds**

<b>Regulated NSR Pollutant</b>	<b>Minor NSR Thresholds for Attainment/Unclassifiable Areas in Tons Per Year (TPY)</b>
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	10
Nitrogen Oxides (NO <sub>x</sub> )	10
Sulfur Dioxide (SO <sub>2</sub> )	10
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)	5
PM <sub>10</sub>	5
PM <sub>2.5</sub>	3
Lead	0.1
Fluorides	1
Sulfuric Acid Mist	2
Hydrogen Sulfide (H <sub>2</sub> S)	2
Total Reduced Sulfur (including H <sub>2</sub> S)	2
Reduced Sulfur Compounds (including H <sub>2</sub> S)	2
Municipal Waste Combustor Emissions	10
Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Emissions (measured as nonmethane organic compounds)	10

Starting August 30, 2011, all minor modifications at existing major NSR sources, requests for synthetic minor limitations, and the transferring of synthetic minor limits from Part 71 permits into minor NSR

permits became subject to the TMNSR rule. All true minor sources and minor modifications at existing major sources constructed after August 30, 2011 were required to submit a registration form within 90 days of beginning operation and obtain a permit if a general permit was available for that source category. No general permit was available for sources in the oil and gas sector constructed or modified between August 30, 2011 and October 2, 2016 and these sources were only required to register with EPA.

On May 12, 2016, EPA finalized a Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) for true minor oil and gas sources in Indian County. Beginning on October 3, 2016, all new and modified true minor oil and gas sources are required to register with the EPA to obtain coverage under the FIP. Owners/operators also have the option of apply to EPA for a source-specific permit instead of complying with the FIP, or EPA may determine that a source-specific permit is necessary due to local or reservation-specific air quality concerns.

Future modifications at the Ignacio Gas Plant will be subject to the TMNSR rule; however, no TMNSR permits have been issued to this facility at this time.

### **Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) - 40 CFR 52.21**

PSD is a preconstruction review requirement of the CAA that applies to proposed projects that are sufficiently large (in terms of emissions) to be a “major” stationary source or “major” modification of an existing stationary source. A new stationary source, or a modification to an existing minor stationary source, is major if the proposed project has the potential to emit any pollutant regulated under the CAA in amounts equal to or exceeding specified major source thresholds, which are 100 tpy for 28 listed industrial source categories and 250 tpy for all other sources. PSD also applies to modifications at existing major sources that cause a “significant net emissions increase” at that source. Significance levels for each pollutant are defined in the PSD regulations at 40 CFR 52.21. A modification is a physical change or change in the method of operation.

The La Plata B Compressor Station does not belong to any of the 28 listed source categories. Therefore, the potential to emit threshold for determining PSD applicability for this source is 250 tpy. The La Plata B Compressor Station, the La Plata A Compressor Station (owned by Transwestern Pipeline Company), and the Ignacio Gas Plant (owned by Harvest Midstream) are considered by EPA Region 8 to be a single source for PSD permitting purposes.

The single source determination requires that the potential emissions from all components of the source be aggregated when evaluating applicability of PSD. In addition, emissions netting calculations must include emission increases and decreases from the entire source.

Although the La Plata B Compressor Station is a major PSD source (PTE of any one criteria pollutant is greater than 250 tpy) as a result of the single source determination, a PSD review has not been triggered at the La Plata B Compressor Station. Hence, Northwest Pipeline LLC has not been required to obtain a PSD permit.

## **New Source Performance Standards (NSPS)**

40 CFR Part 60, Subpart A: General Provisions. This subpart applies to the owner or operator of any stationary source that contains an affected facility, the construction or modification of which is commenced after the date of publication of any standard in Part 60. The general provisions under Subpart A apply to sources that are subject to the specific subparts of Part 60.

As explained below, the La Plata B Compressor Station contains affected facilities subject to the provision of 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart GG. **Therefore, the general provisions of Part 60 apply.**

40 CFR Part 60, Subpart Dc: Standards of performance for Small Industrial-Commercial-Institutional Steam Generating Units. This rule applies to steam generating units with a maximum design heat input capacity of 100 MMBtu/hr or less, but greater than or equal to 10 MMBtu/hr.

According to Northwest, emission unit IEU-01 sellers water heater has a maximum design heat input capacity of 2.51 MMBtu/hr. **Therefore, Subpart Dc does not apply.**

40 CFR Part 60, Subpart K: Standards of performance for Storage Vessels for Petroleum Liquids for which Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification Commenced After June 11, 1973, and Prior to May 19, 1978. This rule applies to storage vessels for petroleum liquids with a storage capacity greater than 40,000 gallons. 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart K does not apply to storage vessels for petroleum or condensate stored, processed, and/or treated at a drilling and production facility prior to custody transfer.

According to Northwest, the La Plata B Compressor Station has no tanks with a storage capacity greater than 40,000 gallons. **Therefore, Subpart K does not apply.**

40 CFR Part 60, Subpart Ka: Standards of Performance for Storage Vessels for Petroleum Liquids for which Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification Commenced After May 18, 1978, and Prior to June 23, 1984. This rule applies to storage vessels for petroleum liquids with a storage capacity greater than 40,000 gallons. Subpart Ka does not apply to petroleum storage vessels with a capacity of less than 420,000 gallons used for petroleum or condensate stored, processed, or treated prior to custody transfer.

According to Northwest, the La Plata B Compressor Station has no tanks with a storage capacity greater than 40,000 gallons. **Therefore, Subpart Ka does not apply.**

40 CFR Part 60, Subpart Kb: Standards of Performance for Volatile Organic Liquid Storage Vessels (Including Petroleum Liquid Storage Vessels) for which Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification Commenced After July 23, 1984. This rule applies to storage vessels with a capacity greater than or equal to 75 cubic meters (~472 bbl).

According to Northwest, the La Plata B Compressor Station has no tanks with a capacity greater than or equal to 75 m<sup>3</sup> (~472 bbl or 19,813 gal) that are used to store volatile organic liquids. **Therefore, Subpart Kb does not apply.**

40 CFR Part 60, Subpart GG: Standards of Performance for Stationary Gas Turbines. This rule applies to stationary gas turbines, with a heat input at peak load equal to or greater than 10.7 gigajoules per hour (10 MMBtu/hr), that commenced construction, modification, or reconstruction after October 3, 1977.

According to Northwest, turbine units P001 and P002 were each constructed after October 3, 1977; each unit also has a heat input at peak load greater than 10 MMBtu/hr. **Per 40 CFR 60.330, La Plata B Compressor Station is subject to Subpart GG.**

40 CFR Part 60, Subpart KKK: Standards of Performance for Equipment Leaks of VOC from Onshore Natural Gas Processing Plants for which construction, reconstruction, or modification commenced after January 20, 1984, and on or before August 23, 2011. This rule applies to compressors and other equipment at onshore natural gas processing facilities. As defined in this subpart, a natural gas processing plant is any processing site engaged in the extraction of natural gas liquids (NGLs) from field gas, fractionation of mixed NGLs to natural gas products, or both. NGLs are defined as the hydrocarbons, such as ethane, propane, butane, and pentane that are extracted from field gas.

According to Northwest, the La Plata B Compressor Station does not extract natural gas liquids from field gas, nor does it fractionate mixed NGLs to natural gas products, and thus does not meet the definition of a natural gas processing plant under this subpart. **Therefore, Subpart KKK does not apply.**

40 CFR Part 60, Subpart LLL: Standards of Performance for SO<sub>2</sub> emissions from Onshore Natural Gas Processing for which construction, reconstruction, or modification commenced after January 20, 1984, and on or before August 23, 2011. This rule applies to sweetening units and sulfur recovery units at onshore natural gas processing facilities. As defined in this subpart, sweetening units are process devices that separate hydrogen sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) and carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) from a sour natural gas stream. Sulfur recovery units are defined as process devices that recover sulfur from the acid gas (consisting of H<sub>2</sub>S and CO<sub>2</sub>) removed by a sweetening unit.

According to Northwest, La Plata B Compressor Station does not perform sweetening or sulfur recovery at the facility. **Therefore, Subpart LLL does not apply**

40 CFR Part 60, Subpart JJJ: Standards of Performance for Stationary Spark Ignition Internal Combustion Engines. This subpart establishes emission standards and compliance requirements for the control of emissions from stationary spark ignition (SI) internal combustion engines (ICE) that commenced construction, modification or reconstruction after June 12, 2006, where the SI ICE are manufactured on or after specified manufacture trigger dates. The manufacture trigger dates are based on the engine type, fuel used, and maximum engine horsepower.

For the purposes of this subpart, the date that construction commences is the date the engine is ordered by the owner or operator (See 40 CFR 60.4230(a)).



**Table 4 – NSPS Subpart JJJJ Applicability Determination  
Northwest Pipeline LLC, La Plata B Compressor Station**

Unit	Serial No.	Unit Description	Fuel	Maximum HP	Manufacture Date	Commenced Construction Date	Trigger Date for Applicability – Manufactured on or After
G001	7DB00769	Caterpillar 3412 SITA Emergency 4SRB Generator	Natural Gas	600	1992	Prior to 6/12/2006	7/1/2008

According to Northwest, the Caterpillar emergency generator (G001) was installed at the facility in 1992, and thus commenced construction prior to June 12, 2006. **Therefore, the requirements of Subpart JJJJ do not apply.**

Should Northwest propose to install a stationary SI ICE at the La Plata B Compressor Station, which is subject to Subpart JJJJ, Northwest will not be allowed to use the off-permit changes provision and will be required to submit a minor permit modification application to incorporate Subpart JJJJ requirements into the permit.

40 CFR Part 60, Subpart KKKK: Standards of Performance for Stationary Combustion Turbines. This rule applies to stationary combustion turbines with a heat input at peak load equal to or greater than 10.7 gigajoules (10 MMBtu) per hour. This subpart establishes emission standards and compliance schedules for the control of emissions from stationary combustion turbines that commenced construction, modification, or reconstruction after February 18, 2005.

According to Northwest, the turbines operating at La Plata B Compressor Station (P001 and P002) are affected units under this subpart; however, the turbines were constructed prior to February 18, 2005 and they have not been replaced with new units or modified after February 18, 2005. **Therefore, Subpart KKKK does not apply**

40 CFR Part 60, Subpart OOOO: Standards of Performance for Crude Oil and Natural Gas Production, Transmission and Distribution. This subpart establishes emission standards and compliance schedules for the control of VOC and SO<sub>2</sub> emissions from affected facilities that commence construction, modification or reconstruction after August 23, 2011. Affected facilities under this subpart include gas wells, compressors, pneumatic controllers, storage vessels, process unit equipment, and sweetening units.

According to Northwest’s application, the La Plata B Compressor Station does not have any affected facilities under the rule that commenced construction after August 23, 2011. **Therefore, Subpart OOOO does not apply.**

40 CFR Part 60, Subpart OOOOa: Standards of Performance for Crude Oil and Natural Gas Facilities. This subpart establishes emission standards and compliance schedules for the control of volatile organic compounds (VOC) and sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) emissions from affected facilities in the crude oil and natural gas production source category that commence construction, modification, or reconstruction after September 18, 2015. Affected facilities under this subpart include gas wells, compressors, pneumatic

controllers, pneumatic pumps, storage vessels, and the collection of fugitive emission components at well sites and compressor stations.

According to Northwest's application, the La Plata B Compressor Station is not a natural gas processing plant and does not have gas wells, storage vessels, continuous-bleed pneumatic devices, or compressors that have been constructed, modified, or reconstructed after September 18, 2015. **Therefore, Subpart OOOOa does not apply.**

### **National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP)**

40 CFR Part 63, Subpart A: General Provisions. This subpart contains national emissions standards for HAPs that regulate specific categories of sources that emit one or more HAP regulated pollutants under the CAA. The general provisions under subpart A apply to sources that are subject to the specific subparts of Part 63.

As explained below, the La Plata B Compressor Station is subject to 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart ZZZZ. **Therefore, the General Provisions of Part 63 apply as specified in the relevant subparts.**

40 CFR Part 63, Subpart HH: National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants from Oil and Natural Gas Production Facilities. This subpart applies to the owners and operators of affected units located at natural gas production facilities that are area or major sources of HAPs, and that process, upgrade, or store natural gas prior to the point of custody transfer, or that process, upgrade, or store natural gas prior to the point at which natural gas enters the natural gas transmission and storage source category or is delivered to a final end user. The affected units are glycol dehydration units, storage vessels with the potential for flash emissions, and the group of ancillary equipment, and compressors intended to operate in volatile hazardous air pollutant service, which are located at natural gas processing plants.

#### *Throughput Exemption*

Those sources whose maximum natural gas throughput, as appropriately calculated per §63.760(a)(1)(i) through (a)(1)(iii), is less than 18,400 standard cubic meters per day are exempt from the requirements of this subpart.

#### *Source Aggregation*

Major source, as used in this subpart, has the same meaning as in §63.2, except that:

- 1) Emissions from any oil and gas production well with its associated equipment and emissions from any pipeline compressor station or pump station shall not be aggregated with emissions from other similar units.

- 2) Emissions from processes, operations, or equipment that are not part of the same facility shall not be aggregated.
- 3) For facilities that are production field facilities, only HAP emissions from glycol dehydration units and storage vessels with the potential for flash emissions shall be aggregated for a major source determination.

### *Facility*

For the purpose of a major source determination, facility means oil and natural gas production and processing equipment that is located within the boundaries of an individual surface site as defined in Subpart HH. Examples of facilities in the oil and natural gas production category include, but are not limited to: well sites, satellite tank batteries, central tank batteries, a compressor station that transports natural gas to a natural gas processing plant, and natural gas processing plants.

### *Production Field Facility*

Production field facilities are those located prior to the point of custody transfer. The definition of custody transfer (40 CFR 63.761) means the point of transfer after the processing/treating in the producing operation, except for the case of a natural gas processing plant, in which case the point of custody transfer is the inlet to the plant.

### *Natural Gas Processing Plant*

A natural gas processing plant is defined in 40 CFR 63.761 as any processing site engaged in the extraction of NGLs from field gas, or the fractionation of mixed NGLs to natural gas products, or a combination of both. A treating plant or gas plant that does not engage in these activities is considered to be a production field facility.

### *Major Source Determination for Production Field Facilities*

The definition of major source in subpart HH (at 40 CFR 63.761) states, in part, that only emissions from the dehydration units and storage vessels at production field facilities shall be aggregated when comparing to the major source thresholds.

For facilities that are not production field facilities, HAP emissions from all HAP emission units shall be aggregated.

### *Area Source Applicability*

40 CFR Part 63, Subpart HH also applies to area sources of HAPs. An area source is a HAP source whose total HAP emissions are less than 10 tpy of any single HAP or 25 tpy for all HAPs in aggregate. This

subpart requires different emission reduction requirements for glycol dehydration units found at oil and gas production facilities based on their geographical location.

Units located in densely populated areas (determined by the Bureau of Census) and known as urbanized areas with an added 2-mile offset and urban clusters of 10,000 people or more, are required to have emission controls. Units located outside these areas will be required to have the glycol recirculation pump rate optimized or operators must document that uncontrolled annual actual benzene emissions are less than 0.9 megagrams (1,984 lbs.).

Any source that determines that it is not a major source but has actual emissions of 5 tons per year of a single HAP or 12.5 tons per year of a combination of HAP (i.e. 50 percent of the major source thresholds), shall update its major source determination within 1 year of the prior determination and each year thereafter, using gas composition data measured during the preceding 12 months.

#### ***Applicability of Subpart HH to the La Plata B Compressor Station***

According to Northwest, the La Plata B Compressor Station is not a natural gas production facility and does not have any dehydration units. **Therefore, Subpart HH does not apply.**

40 CFR Part 63, Subpart HHH: National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants from Natural Gas Transmission and Storage Facilities. This subpart applies to natural gas transmission and storage facilities that transport or store natural gas prior to entering the pipeline to a local distribution company or to a final end user, and that are a major source of hazardous air pollutant (HAP) emissions. Natural gas transmission means the pipelines are used for long distance transport (excluding processing).

According to Northwest, the La Plata B Compressor Station is a natural gas transmission facility, but it does not operate a glycol dehydration unit, nor does it have HAP emissions in excess of the major source thresholds of 10 tpy of a single HAP or 25 tpy of HAPs in aggregate. **Therefore, Subpart HHH does not apply.**

40 CFR Part 63, Subpart YYYY: National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants from Stationary Combustion Turbines. This rule establishes national emission limitations and work practice standards for HAPs emitted from stationary combustion turbines. An affected source includes any stationary combustion turbine located at a major source of HAP emissions.

#### ***Stationary Combustion Turbine:***

Stationary combustion turbines are defined in §63.6175 as all equipment, including but not limited to the turbine, the fuel, air, lubrication and exhaust gas systems, control systems (except emissions control equipment), and any ancillary components and sub-components comprising any simple cycle stationary combustion turbine, any regenerative/recuperative cycle stationary combustion turbine, the combustion turbine portion of any stationary combined cycle steam/electric generating system. Stationary means that the combustion turbine is not self-propelled or intended to be propelled while performing its function.

Stationary combustion turbines do not include turbines located at a research or laboratory facility, if research is conducted on the turbine itself and the turbine is not being used to power other applications at the research or laboratory facility.

*Major Source:*

Major Source for purposes of this subpart has the same meaning as provided in 40 CFR 63.2 with the exception that emissions from any oil or gas exploration or production well (with its associated equipment) and emissions from any pipeline compressor station or pump station shall not be aggregated with emissions from other similar units, to determine whether such emission points or station are major sources, even when emission points are in a contiguous are or under common control.

***Applicability of Subpart YYYY to the La Plata B Compressor Station***

The La Plata B Compressor station is not a major source of HAPs as determined from the requirements of this rule. **Therefore, Subpart YYYY does not apply**

40 CFR Part 63, Subpart ZZZZ (RICE MACT): National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Stationary Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines (RICE). This rule establishes national emission limitations and operating limitations for HAPs emitted from stationary spark-ignition reciprocating internal combustion engines (SI RICE) and stationary compression ignition reciprocating internal combustion engines (CI RICE).

For the purposes of this standard, construction or reconstruction is as defined in §63.2.

**Summary of Applicability to Engines at Major Sources of HAPs**

Major HAP Sources			
Engine Type	Horse Power Rating	New / Existing	Applicability Trigger Date
SI RICE – All <sup>1</sup>	≥ 500 HP	New	On or After: 12/19/2002
SI RICE – 4SRB	> 500 HP	Existing	Before: 12/19/2002
SI RICE – All <sup>1</sup>	≤ 500 HP	New	On or After: 6/12/2006
SI RICE – All <sup>1</sup>	≤ 500 HP	Existing	Before: 6/12/2006
CI RICE – All <sup>2</sup>	≥ 500 HP	New	On or After: 12/19/2002
CI RICE – Non-Emergency	> 500 HP	Existing	Before: 12/19/2002
CI RICE – All <sup>2</sup>	≤ 500 HP	New	On or After: 6/12/2006
CI RICE – All <sup>2</sup>	≤ 500 HP	Existing	Before: 6/12/2006

1. All includes emergency RICE, limited use RICE, RICE that burn land fill or digester gas, 4SLB, 2SLB, and 4SRB.
2. All includes emergency RICE and limited use RICE

### Summary of Applicability to Engines at Area Sources of HAPs

Area HAP Sources			
Engine Type	Horse Power Rating	New / Existing	Applicability Trigger Date
SI RICE – All <sup>1</sup>	All HP	New	On or After: 6/12/2006
SI RICE – All <sup>1</sup>	All HP	Existing	Before: 6/12/2006
CI RICE – All <sup>2</sup>	All HP	New	On or After: 6/12/2006
CI RICE – All <sup>2</sup>	All HP	Existing	Before: 6/12/2006

1. All includes emergency RICE, limited use RICE, RICE that burn land fill or digester gas, 4SLB, 2SLB, and 4SRB.
2. All includes emergency RICE and limited use RICE

**Table 4 – Applicability of 40 CFR 63, Subpart ZZZZ to the La Plata B Compressor Station**

Unit	Serial Number	Unit Description	Fuel	Site Rated HP	Commenced Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification Date
G001	7DB00769	Caterpillar 3412 SITA Emergency 4SRB Generator	Natural Gas	565	Prior to 06/12/2006

According to Northwest, La Plata B Compressor station is an area source as defined in Subpart ZZZZ. Unit G001 is a four-stroke rich-burn (4SRB) emergency generator engine > 500 HP constructed before June 12, 2006 and has not been reconstructed since this date. **Therefore, G001 is considered existing emergency stationary RICE, and is subject to the area source requirements for existing emergency RICE of Subpart ZZZZ**

40 CFR Part 63, Subpart DDDDD (Boiler MACT (for major sources)): National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Major Sources: Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Boilers and Process Heaters. This rule establishes national emission limitations and work practice standards for HAPs emitted from new and existing industrial boilers, institutional boilers, commercial boilers, and process heaters that are located at major sources of HAPs, as defined by 40 CFR 64.7575. Boilers or process heaters that combust natural gas for fuel or have a maximum designed heat input capacity less than 10 MMBtu/hr are subject to work practice standards in lieu of emission limits. For the purposes of this subpart, an affected unit is an existing unit if it was constructed prior to June 4, 2010.

According to Northwest’s application, the La Plata B Compressor Station is not a major source as defined in this subpart. **Therefore, Subpart DDDDD does not apply.**

40 CFR Part 63, Subpart JJJJJ (Boiler MACT (for area sources)): National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Area Sources: Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Boilers. This rule establishes national emission standards and operating limitations for HAPs emitted from new and existing industrial boilers, institutional boilers, as defined in §63.11237, and commercial boilers that are fueled by coal, biomass, or oil and are located at area sources of HAPs, as defined in §63.2, except for as specified in §63.11195. For the purposes of this subpart, an affected unit is an existing unit if it was constructed prior to June 4, 2010.

According to Northwest’s application, these units have been removed and are no longer under Northwest’s Ownership . **Therefore, Subpart JJJJJ does not apply.**

## Compliance Assurance Monitoring (CAM) Rule

40 CFR Part 64: Compliance Assurance Monitoring Provisions. According to 40 CFR 64.2(a), the CAM rule applies to each Pollutant Specific Emission Unit (PSEU) at a major source that is required to obtain a Part 70 or Part 71 permit if the unit satisfies all of the following criteria:

- 1) The unit is subject to an emission limitation or standard for the applicable regulated air pollutant other than an emissions limitation or standard that is exempt under §64.2(b)(1);

*“§64.2(b)(1): Exempt emission limitations or standards. The requirements of this part shall not apply to any of the following emission limitations or standards:*

- (i) Emission limitations or standards proposed by the Administrator after November 15, 1990 pursuant to Section 111 or 112 of the Act;*
- (ii) Stratospheric ozone protection requirements under Title VI of the Act;*
- (iii) Acid Rain Program requirements pursuant to Sections 404, 405, 406, 407(a), 407(b) or 410 of the Act;*
- (iv) Emissions limitations or standards or other applicable requirements that apply solely under an emissions trading program approved or promulgated by the Administrator under the Act that allows for trading emissions with a source or between sources;*
- (v) An emissions cap that meets the requirements specified in §70.4(b)(12) or §71.6(a)(13)(iii) of this chapter;*
- (vi) Emission limitations or standards for which a Part 70 or 71 permit specifies a continuous compliance determination method, as defined in §64.1.”*

*“§64.1: Continuous compliance method means a method, specified by the applicable standard or an applicable permit condition, which:*

- (1) Is used to determine compliance with an emission limitation or standard on a continuous basis, consistent with the averaging period established for the emission limitation or standard; and*
- (2) Provides data either in units of the standard or correlated directly with the compliance limit.”*

- 2) The unit uses a control device to achieve compliance with any such limit or standard; and
- 3) The unit has pre-control device emissions of the applicable regulated pollutant that are equal to or greater than 100% of the amount, in tons per year, required for a source to be classified as a major source.

According to Northwest, the CAM rule does not apply to any of the units at the La Plata B Compressor Station because neither of the PSEUs at the station use add on controls to achieve emission limits, and the pre-controlled emissions for each unit are less than the major source threshold. **Therefore, CAM does not apply.**

## **Chemical Accident Prevention Program**

40 CFR Part 68: Chemical Accident Prevention Provisions. This rule applies to stationary sources that manufacture, process, use, store, or otherwise handle more than the threshold quantity of a regulated substance in a process. Regulated substances include 77 toxic and 63 flammable substances which are potentially present in the natural gas stream entering the facility and in the storage vessels located at the facility. The quantity of a regulated substance in a process is determined according to the procedures presented under §68.115. §68.115(b)(1) and (2)(i) indicate that toxic and flammable substances in a mixture do not need to be considered when determining whether more than a threshold quantity is present at a stationary source if the concentration of the substance is below one percent by weight of the mixture. §68.115(b)(2)(iii) indicates that prior to entry into a natural gas processing plant, regulated substances in naturally occurring hydrocarbon mixtures need not be considered when determining whether more than a threshold quantity is present at a stationary source. Naturally occurring hydrocarbon mixtures include condensate, field gas, and produced water.

According to Northwest, the La Plata B Compressor Station does not use or store any regulated substances listed in 112(r) of the Clean Air Act that is above the threshold quantity. **Therefore, the facility is not subject to the requirement to develop and submit a risk management plan.**

## **Stratospheric Ozone and Climate Protection**

40 CFR Part 82, Subpart F: Air Conditioning Units. According to Northwest, no maintenance, service, repair or disposal of any equipment containing Class I or Class II refrigerants chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) occurs at La Plata B Compressor Station. However, if Northwest were to engage in any of the aforementioned activities it must comply with the standards of part 82, Subpart F for recycling and emissions reduction if they service, maintain, or repair the air conditioning units in any way or if they dispose of the units.

40 CFR Part 82, Subpart H: Halon Fire Extinguishers. According to Northwest, there are no halon fire extinguishers at La Plata B Compressor Station. However, should Northwest obtain any halon fire extinguishers, then it must comply with the standards of 40 CFR Part 82, Subpart H for halon emissions reduction, if it services, maintains, tests, repairs, or disposes of equipment that contains halon or uses such equipment during technician training. Specifically, Northwest would be required to comply with 40 CFR Part 82 and submit an application for a revision to this Title V permit.

## **Mandatory Greenhouse Gas Reporting**

40 CFR Part 98: This rule requires sources above certain emission thresholds to calculate, monitor, and report greenhouse gas emissions. The requirements of 40 CFR Part 98 and CAA §307(d)(1)(V), the CAA authority under which 40 CFR Part 98 was promulgated, however, need not be included in a tribal-issued Part 70 permit because those requirements are not included in the definition of “applicable requirement” in either 40 CFR Part 70 or RAC 1-103(11). Although the rule is not an applicable requirement under 40 CFR



Part 70 or the RAC, the source is not relieved from the requirement to comply with the rule separately from compliance with its Part 70 operating permit. It is the responsibility of each source to determine whether Part 98 is applicable and to comply, if necessary.

#### 4. Public Participation

##### a. Public Notice

Per RAC §2-109, all Part 70 draft operating permits shall be publicly noticed and made available for public comment. Public notice is given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the area where the source is located or in a state publication designed to give general public notice, to persons on a mailing list developed by the Tribe, including those who request in writing to be on the list, and by other means if necessary to assure adequate notice to the affected public. If an interested person would like to be added to the Tribe's mailing list to be informed of future actions on permits issued by the Tribe, please send your name and address:

by United State Postal Service to:

Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
Environmental Programs Department  
Part 70 Program  
PO Box 737 MS #84  
Ignacio, Colorado 81137

by any other delivery service to:

Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
Environmental Programs Department  
Part 70 Program  
398 Ouray Drive  
Ignacio, Colorado 81137

Public notice for the draft permit was published in the Durango Herald and the Southern Ute Drum on November 22, 2023, in order to provide opportunity for public comment on the draft permit and the opportunity to request a public hearing.

##### b. Opportunity for Comment

Members of the public were given an opportunity to review a copy of the draft permit prepared by the Tribe, the application, the statement of basis for the draft permit, and all supporting materials for the draft permit. Copies of these documents were on the Southern Ute Air Quality Division webpage at <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/>, and at:

Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
Environmental Programs Department  
Air Quality Division  
71 Mike Frost Way  
Ignacio, Colorado 81137

All documents were available for review at the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Environmental Programs Department office Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (excluding holidays).

Any interested person was given the opportunity to submit written comments on the draft Part 70 operating permit during the public comment period. The Tribe has considered and addressed comments in making a final decision on the permit. The Tribe keeps a record of the commenters and of the issues raised during the public participation process.

Anyone, including the applicant, who believed any condition of the draft permit was inappropriate, could raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and submit all arguments supporting his or her position by the close of the public comment period. Any supporting materials submitted must have been included in full and may not have been incorporated by reference, unless the material had already been submitted as part of the administrative record in the same proceeding or consisted of Environmental Commission, tribal, state or Federal statutes and regulations, EPA documents of general applicability, or other generally available reference material.

c. Opportunity to Request a Hearing

A person may submit a written request for a public hearing to the Part 70 Permit Contact at the addresses listed above, by stating the nature of the issues to be raised at the public hearing. Based on the number of hearing requests received, the Tribe will hold a public hearing whenever it finds there is a significant degree of public interest in a draft operating permit. The Tribe will provide public notice of the public hearing. If a public hearing is held, any person may submit oral or written statements and data concerning the draft permit.

d. Public Petitions to the Administrator

In the event the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency does not object to issuance of the permit, on the basis that it would not be in compliance with applicable requirements, within its 45-day review period, any person may then petition the Administrator within 60 days after the expiration of the Administrator's 45-day review period to make such objection. Any such petition must be based only on objections to the permit that were raised with reasonable specificity during the public comment period unless the petitioner demonstrates that it was impracticable to raise such objections within such period, or unless the grounds for such objections arose after such period. If the administrator objects to a permit as a result of this petition, the Tribe shall not issue the permit until the Administrator's objection has been resolved, except that a petition for review does not stay the effectiveness of a permit or its requirements if the permit was issued after the end of the 45-day review period and before the Administrator's objection.

e. Appeal of Permits

Within 60 days after the Tribe's final permit action, an applicant, any person who filed comments on the draft permit or participated in the public hearing, and any other person who could obtain judicial review of that action under applicable law, may appeal to the Environmental Commission in accordance with RAC 2-109(8) and the Commission's Procedural Rules.

Petitions for administrative review of final permit actions can be filed after the deadline designated by the Commission only if they are based solely on grounds arising after the deadline for administrative review has passed. Such petitions shall be filed no later than 60 days after the new grounds for review arise. If the final permit action being challenged is the Tribe's failure to take final action, a petition for administrative review may be filed any time before the Tribe denies or issues the final permit.

f. Notice to Affected States/Tribes

As required by RAC § 2-108, the following entities were notified of the public comment period:

- State of Colorado, Department of Public Health and Environment
- State of New Mexico, Environment Department
- Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Environmental Programs Department
- Navajo Tribe, Navajo Nation EPA
- Jicarilla Tribe, Environmental Protection Office
- National Park Service, Air Resources Division, Denver, CO
- U.S. Department of Agriculture, United States Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region