



Camino Real Landfill Permit Modification and Renewal

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

How Will the Modification Change the Existing Landfill?

- Reduce the size of the planned waste disposal footprint while maintaining the useful life of this essential utility.
- Landfill area will be over 1,000 feet farther away from communities located north of the facility.
- An innovative turf final cover system will be placed on the north slope as areas of the landfill are brought to final grade.
- Detailed water management improvement engineering to the eastern portion of the site.

What is the Compliance Record History of the Site?

- The landfill is regulated by the New Mexico Environmental Department (NMED) and is routinely inspected. This facility has an excellent environmental compliance record.
- No formal compliance issues or complaints for the last ten years.

How Does This Facility Benefit the Community?

- A renewable energy plant is located at the site that uses collected landfill gas to generate power. The energy plant has the capacity to create 3,200 kW (or 3.2 MW) of power. 3.2 MW is equivalent to powering nearly 2,000 homes and offsetting carbon dioxide emissions from approximately 18,000,000 gallons of gasoline.
- The Camino Real operation contributes over \$10 million annually to the local economy via vendor purchases, employee payroll, and taxes.
- The Camino Real Landfill employs over 20 residents.