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Ellicott Sand and Gravel, AL-20-14

Please accept the following comments from El Paso County Public Health regarding the proposed open sand pit and gravel mining operation:

- Water volume for dust control was estimated, but the source was not identified. Water used for dust control only does not require proving water quality sufficiency. Water for employees is planned to be either purchased offsite from an or from an onsite private well.
- Wastewater service is planned to be provided by portable toilets. The portable toilet service provider must have a current Pumper License issued by El Paso County Public Health. Each portable must have hand sanitizer dispensers installed and properly supplied. Portables are acceptable for this business operation because the office will be moved as different phases of mining are planned and the portables can be considered temporary.
- Earthmoving activity in excess of one acre, but less than twenty-five acres, requires a local Construction Activity Permit from El Paso County Public Health. Go to <u>https://www.elpasocountyhealth.org/service/air-quality/constructionactivity-application</u> for more information. Earthmoving activities greater than 25 acres require a Construction Activity Permit from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Air Pollution Control Division. Go to: <u>https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/general-air-permits</u>
- Water quality detention basins, if any are planned, must be designed to completely drain to help minimize mosquito breeding habitat and the potential for West Nile Virus.

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