Versado Gas Processors, LLC at 6 Desta Drive, Suite 3300; Midland, TX 79705 has submitted an air quality operating permit application to the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) for an air quality operating permit for its Saunders Gas Plant. The owner of this plant is Versado Gas Processors, LLC. The exact location of the facility is at latitude 33 deg, 3 min, 28 sec and longitude -103 deg, 36 min, 29 sec. To aid in locating this facility, the approximate location is 20 miles (32.2 km) northwest of Lovington in Lea County, New Mexico. This application file has been assigned an Operating Permit Number P111-R2 and TEMPO Agency Interest ID No. 612.

Previously, the facility received an air quality construction permit and is in operation. The main purpose of the facility is to process natural gas, including dehydration and sweetening sour natural gas (removing sulfur and CO₂), and also remove lighter hydrocarbons (such as ethane and methane) from the inlet gas stream. The facility is capable of processing approximately 100 MMscf/d of gas. This operating permit application is for a permit renewal. Per 20.2.70.401.C.(4) NMAC, this permitting action will incorporate all new source review and Title V permit revisions and updates since the last TV renewal (P111-R1) of March 17, 2009. This action also updates/revises the previous TV permit (P111-R1) and corresponding full NSR Permit (315-M3-R3) to the current Department permit template and monitoring protocols and requirements.

The emissions, as established in NSR Permits 315-M3-R3 and 315-M3, and brought forward into this permit are as follows. Parentheses note changes in emissions from previous operating permit – P111-R1. Emissions are expressed in tons per year (tpy). Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) at 1826 tpy (+12); Carbon Monoxide (CO) at 246 tpy (-4); Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) at 77 tpy (no change); Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) at 1399 tpy (+12); Total Suspended Particulates (TSP) at 25 tpy (+25); Particulate Matter 10 microns or less (PM10) at 25 tpy (+25); and Particulate Matter 2.5 microns or less (PM2.5) at 25 tpy (+25). The facility is a major, >100,000 tpy CO₂e source of greenhouse gas emissions.

The NMED has conducted a preliminary review of the information submitted with the permit application. This review included evaluation of the emission rates and applicable requirements to determine compliance.

The NMED has made a preliminary determination that this facility will comply with the requirements of Title 20, New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC), Chapter 2, Parts 1, 7, 35, 37, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 77, and 82; 40 CFR 50; 40 CFR 60 Subparts A, KKK, and LLL; 40 CFR 63 Subparts A, DDDDD, and ZZZZ; and the New Mexico Air Quality Control Act. Therefore, the preliminary intent of NMED is to issue the air quality operating permit on or before September 20, 2014.

Interested persons may obtain the draft operating permit, submit written comments, or request a public hearing on Operating Permit Number P111-R2 by contacting Jim Nellessen at the New Mexico Environment Department, Air Quality Bureau, 525 Camino de los Marquez Suite 1, Santa Fe, NM 87505-1816.

Written requests for public hearing must state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. Comments must be based on the requirements of the applicable state and federal air quality regulations and the Clean Air Act. Comments or hearing requests must be received within 30 days after the public notice is published.

The permit application, draft permit and relevant supporting materials are currently available for review at the Air Quality Bureau, 525 Camino de los Marquez Suite 1, Santa Fe, NM 87505-1816. The Department contact in Santa Fe is Jim Nellessen at 505-476-4315.