



**NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT  
GROUND WATER QUALITY BUREAU**



**PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PLAN  
(PIP)**

**Facility Name:** Firestone Store #44W2

**Facility Location:** 701 Central Avenue NW  
Albuquerque, NM  
T10N, R03E, Sec 20

**Latitude/longitude:** 35° 5' 6.97"N/106° 39' 19.26"W

**County:** Bernalillo

**VRP Applicant:** Presbyterian Healthcare Services  
9521 San Mateo Blvd. NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87113

**Agency:** Ground Water Quality Bureau  
Voluntary Remediation Section

**GWQB Action:** VRP Site No. 53221003

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**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 2022

**REVISION DATE:** N/A

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## Element 1 – Public Involvement Plan (PIP) Overview

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED or Department), Ground Water Quality Bureau (Bureau) has developed this PIP for the Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP) site located at 701 Central Avenue NW, Albuquerque. This VRP site is referred to as the **Firestone Store 44W2 site** or **VRP Site No. 53221003**.

The purpose of this PIP is to provide public participation opportunities and information that may be needed for the community to participate in the Voluntary Remediation process for this site. This PIP identifies information about the community and resources needed by the Bureau to incorporate community participation activities into the decision-making process. This PIP is developed in accordance with the Department's *Public Participation Policy* (Policy 07-13 or Policy), and incorporates the requirements of the Policy, as well as applicable regulatory and statutory public participation requirements.

This PIP implements the “elements” set forth in the Policy. Those elements include:

1. An overview of the Public Involvement Plan for the community affected by the activity;
2. Bureau contact names and contact information, specifically for Limited English Proficiency (LEP) language assistance services (e.g., translation, interpreters) or for disability accommodations;
3. A summary of the regulatory public participation framework associated with the Voluntary Remediation process;
4. A description of community/stakeholder groups based on results of a preliminary environmental justice (EJ) screening; and
5. Details about planned public outreach activities.

In developing this PIP, community participation needs were assessed to ensure appropriate public outreach. This was accomplished by using the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping Tool (EJSCREEN) to identify whether there is a combination of environmental and demographic factors that may impact public participation (e.g., low income community, minority community, LEP individuals, linguistically isolated households).

The Bureau plans to conduct the public involvement activities related to the Voluntary Remediation process outlined in Table 1 - *Public Involvement Activities*. The activity timeline and dates are tentative and subject to change.

**Table 1 - Public Involvement Activities**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Placement of a hardcopy of the PIP in the local NMED office:</b> NMED District One Office 121 Tijeras Ave NE, Ste. 1000 Albuquerque, NM 87102	August 2022
<b>Public Notice</b> <i>See Table of Mandated Public Involvement Activities at the end of this PIP for details.</i>	August 2022
<b>Public Meeting Notice</b> <i>(Only if requested by public as part of initial public notice</i> <i>See Table of Mandated Public Involvement Activities for details.</i>	TBD

All notices for upcoming meetings or hearings, if applicable will include a statement that any person who requires assistance, an interpreter, or an auxiliary aid to participate in the process may contact a specifically identified Department person to request those services. Requested interpretation services during the meeting and accommodations or services for persons with disabilities will be arranged to the extent possible.

This PIP is a “living” document that may be amended for numerous reasons, including the consideration of public comments and feedback.

## **Element 2 – Bureau Contact Information**

### **PIP Specific Contacts**

The Bureau contact for this Voluntary Remediation site is:

Rebecca Cook, Project Manager  
NMED Ground Water Quality Bureau  
P.O. Box 5469  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-5469  
(505) 670-2135  
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## **Non-English Language Speaker Assistance**

All public notices will contain a statement that non-English speakers may call the Bureau contact listed above and request language assistance in order to learn more about this VRP site or VRP process. Arrangements may be made for document translation or interpretation related to the process as necessary and as resources allow.

## **Individuals with Disabilities Assistance**

All public notices will contain a statement that disabled individuals may call the Bureau contact listed above and request assistance needed to participate in activities associated with the process.

The following information will be provided in public notices so that hearing-impaired callers can contact the Bureau and ask questions about the activity or proceeding: Toll-free numbers are available for TDD or TTY users to access the New Mexico Relay network (for deaf or hearing-impaired callers), 1-800-659-1779; TTY users: 1-800-659-8331.

## **Websites**

Outreach materials and notices will include links to the following website, where the Agency's public notices and PIP information are posted:

<https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/>

## **Element 3 – Regulatory Framework for Public Participation Related to the Voluntary Remediation Process**

The public participation regulatory framework associated with the VRP process is identified in the *Table of Mandated Public Involvement Activities* at the end of this PIP. The Table identifies activities subject to statutory or regulatory deadlines, the associated regulatory requirements, and the associated dates or time periods.

## **Element 4 – Description of Community/Stakeholder Groups Based on the EJSCREEN**

### **EJSCREEN Summary**

To provide for adequate public participation opportunities and meaningful involvement of persons in the Voluntary Remediation process, the affected communities must first be identified, informed about proposed environmental actions affecting the community, and invited to share their comments and concerns. The EJSCREEN tool developed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) helps identify communities that are low income, have minority populations, and have limited English proficiency that may benefit from a variety of approaches for notification and

outreach communication. This information is used to help plan for the community's involvement in the public process for environmental activities or actions. In addition to the EJSCREEN results, the Bureau may consider additional information such as the U.S. Census Bureau website or NMED's EJ Mapping Tool.

The Bureau considers the affected community to be those persons living within a 4-mile radius of the VRP site. However, according to NMED Policy 07-13, if an activity or proceeding is related to a facility that is located in an urban area or is proposed to be located in an urban area, it may be more representative of the community to be captured if a one (1) mile radius is applied. VRP site No. 53221003 is located in Albuquerque; therefore, a one-mile radius was utilized. The results of the EJSCREEN American Community Survey (ACS) Summary Report (attached to this PIP) are summarized in the table below.

**Table 3 - EJSCREEN Results for the Affected Community**

Total population	12,545
Total number of households	6,683
Percentage minority population	62%
Percentage Hispanic population	53%
Percentage of the population by race	Population reporting one race: White: .....74% Black: .....4% American Indian: .....5% Asian: .....1% Pacific Islander: .....0% Some Other Race: .....12%
Total number of persons greater than the age of five who speak English "less than very well"	655
Percentage of persons greater than the age of five who speak English "less than very well"	5%
Total number of linguistically isolated households	216
Percentage of linguistically isolated households (Total number of linguistically isolated households ÷ total number of households X 100)	3%
Languages by percentage in linguistically isolated households	Spanish: ..... 80% Other Indo-European languages: 3% Asian-Pacific Island languages: 0% Other languages: ..... 17%
Percent linguistically isolated population, New Mexico*:	5.4%

Per capita income	\$26,159
Per capita income, USA**	\$29,979

\* U.S. Census Bureau. 2011-2015 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Table S1602. Limited English Speaking Households. [https://factfinder.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/ACS/15\\_5YR/S1602/0400000US35](https://factfinder.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/ACS/15_5YR/S1602/0400000US35) (date of access: 7/26/2018).

\*\* U.S. Census Bureau. 2015 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, Table S0201. Selected Population Profile in the United States. [https://factfinder.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/ACS/15\\_1YR/S0201/0100000US](https://factfinder.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/ACS/15_1YR/S0201/0100000US) (date of access: 7/26/2018).

Based on the EJSCREEN results regarding language proficiencies, the Bureau plans to conduct public outreach in accordance with the *Table of Mandated Public Involvement Activities* at the end of this PIP.

## Element 5 – Detailed Actions and Outreach Activities with the Affected Public

Public involvement activities required by statute or regulation associated with the Voluntary Remediation process are listed in the *Table 2 of Mandated Public Involvement Activities*.

### Public Participation – Outreach Activities

The Bureau will conduct the following outreach activities associated with the Voluntary Remediation process:

- Placement of this PIP on the Bureau website and in nearby NMED office
- Notice posted on NMED website
- Document repositories
- Public meetings, as determined by the Secretary

Newspapers utilized in the notification process include:

- Statewide circulation (English): Albuquerque Journal

Local, state, and federal government agencies, tribal entities, colonias, and land grant officials will be notified about the voluntary remediation. A list of the agencies and officials notified can be provided upon request.

Indian Tribes, Pueblos and Nations will be notified about the voluntary remediation through the contacts maintained by the Indian Affairs Department at the following URLs:

<https://www.iad.state.nm.us/pueblo-tribes-and-nations/apaches/>  
<https://www.iad.state.nm.us/pueblo-tribes-and-nations/navajo/>  
<https://www.iad.state.nm.us/pueblo-tribes-and-nations/pueblos/>

Timelines and methods for submitting public comments are specified in the *Table 2 - Mandated Public Involvement Activities*. Final documents will be available from the Bureau's contact identified in Element 2 of this PIP.

### **Postal Mailing or E-Mailing of Notices to Persons on the Facility-Specific Mailing List**

The Bureau solicits the names and contact information of interested parties with all public notices. The Bureau maintains those names on a Facility-Specific Mailing List and provides the individuals with information about regulatory activities for the facility. Individuals, organizations, and other interested parties are added to the mailing list as requested. All public notices will contain a statement directing interested individuals to contact the Bureau contact for this permit if they want to be added to the facility specific mailing list.

Other means of outreach such as fliers announcing public comment periods and/or public meetings, or hearings may be posted in locations throughout the community (e.g., local businesses, schools, libraries) and on the Department's website, at the Bureau's discretion after consideration of public interest and input.

### **PIP Contingency Plan**

During a public health emergency or other unforeseen event outside the control of the Department, the Department will make every effort to ensure the public remains involved in and informed of the decision making and permit processes. The purpose of this PIP Contingency Plan is in part to address circumstances when public spaces are closed because of potential human exposure risks. The Department will attempt to identify and utilize alternate methods of document delivery to the public and public viewing when conventional methods and locations are unavailable. When it is unsafe to utilize the physical PIP and document repositories, the Department will consider utilizing electronic delivery methods deemed appropriate for the permitting action. While operating under the PIP Contingency Plan, the public notice will include a statement specifying that the PIP Contingency Plan is in effect and that, "instead of placing a copy of the PIP for this permitting action in a public location, NMED will make the PIP available to the community by sending the PIP by email or US mail to any community member requesting a copy. An individual may request a copy of the PIP utilizing the Bureau contact information in this public notice. When making such a request, please specify how you would like the document delivered. If you request a copy of a PIP, you will receive a revised PIP should the PIP be updated in the future." During the times of potential human exposure risks and the resultant implementation of this PIP Contingency Plan, public meetings and hearings will only be held when or through means by which the Department can ensure the public's health and safety and this PIP can be fully adhered to.

**Table of Mandated Public Involvement Activities**

Activity	Dates
<p><b>Public Notice &amp; Comment Period:</b>  <b>NMAC 20.6.3.300.B(1)</b>  <b>The applicant must post the public notice and make the proposed Voluntary Remediation Agreement available for public review and comment. Interested parties may submit comments to the Department concerning the proposed Agreement. Interested parties may submit a request for public meeting.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notice posted on-site</li> <li>• Newspaper ads</li> <li>• Notice to government agencies</li> <li>• Notice to interested parties</li> <li>• NMED website:  <a href="https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/">https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/</a></li> </ul>	<p>The proposed Voluntary Remediation Agreement shall be made available for public review within ten (10) calendar days of the receipt of the Conditional Eligibility Determination from the Department</p> <p>Public comment period is at least thirty (30) calendar days following the newspaper publication of the Public Notice</p>
<p><b>Public Meeting Notice:</b>  <b>NMAC 20.6.3.300.B(4-5)</b>  <b>If a public meeting is requested during the initial public notice and comment period and if the Secretary determines that there is significant public interest, the applicant shall mail a notice of the time and place of the meeting to all persons who have submitted written comments or a request for public meeting.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newspaper ads</li> <li>• Notice to interested parties</li> <li>• NMED website:  <a href="https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/">https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/</a></li> </ul>	<p>At least ten (10) calendar days before the public meeting</p>
<p><b>Notice of Determination</b>  <b>NMAC 20.6.3.300.E</b>  <b>A notice of determination shall be mailed to the applicant and all persons who presented written and oral comments at public hearing indicating whether the proposed Voluntary Remediation Agreement has been approved, approved with modifications, or disapproved.</b></p>	<p>Within thirty (30) calendar days of the final determination that the applicant is eligible</p>

<b>Additional Public Participation</b> <b>NMAC 20.6.3.300.G</b> <b>If requested, interested parties will be kept informed of the availability of key project submittals related to the voluntary remediation activities. Such submittals will be made available for public review and comment by the Department upon request.</b>	After execution of the Voluntary Remediation Agreement
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## Attachments

- Attachment 1 - A copy of the EJSCREEN ACS Summary Report, and a map showing the area evaluated

Location: User-specified point center at 35.085404, -106.655397

Ring (buffer): 1-miles radius

Description: Firestone 44W2

Summary of ACS Estimates		2015 - 2019	
Population		12,545	
Population Density (per sq. mile)		4,311	
People of Color Population		7,806	
% People of Color Population		62%	
Households		6,683	
Housing Units		8,054	
Housing Units Built Before 1950		3,294	
Per Capita Income		26,159	
Land Area (sq. miles) (Source: SF1)		2.91	
% Land Area		96%	
Water Area (sq. miles) (Source: SF1)		0.12	
% Water Area		4%	
		2015 - 2019 ACS Estimates	Percent MOE (±)
<b>Population by Race</b>			
Total		12,545	100% 359
Population Reporting One Race		11,870	95% 1,059
White		9,234	74% 342
Black		460	4% 110
American Indian		576	5% 170
Asian		145	1% 144
Pacific Islander		7	0% 27
Some Other Race		1,448	12% 266
Population Reporting Two or More Races		674	5% 140
Total Hispanic Population		6,598	53% 372
Total Non-Hispanic Population		5,947	
White Alone		4,738	38% 250
Black Alone		393	3% 109
American Indian Alone		483	4% 170
Non-Hispanic Asian Alone		145	1% 144
Pacific Islander Alone		7	0% 27
Other Race Alone		15	0% 20
Two or More Races Alone		164	1% 79
<b>Population by Sex</b>			
Male		6,450	51% 252
Female		6,095	49% 207
<b>Population by Age</b>			
Age 0-4		288	2% 93
Age 0-17		1,764	14% 143
Age 18+		10,780	86% 250
Age 65+		2,157	17% 164

**Data Note:** Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Hispanic population can be of any race.

N/A means not available. **Source:** U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 2015 - 2019

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Description: Firestone 44W2

	2015 - 2019 ACS Estimates	Percent	MOE (±)
<b>Population 25+ by Educational Attainment</b>			
Total	9,739	100%	311
Less than 9th Grade	594	6%	139
9th - 12th Grade, No Diploma	990	10%	125
High School Graduate	1,765	18%	116
Some College, No Degree	1,960	20%	152
Associate Degree	639	7%	84
Bachelor's Degree or more	3,791	39%	155
<b>Population Age 5+ Years by Ability to Speak English</b>			
Total	12,257	100%	336
Speak only English	8,598	70%	282
Non-English at Home <sup>1+2+3+4</sup>	3,659	30%	238
<sup>1</sup> Speak English "very well"	3,004	25%	217
<sup>2</sup> Speak English "well"	414	3%	80
<sup>3</sup> Speak English "not well"	162	1%	91
<sup>4</sup> Speak English "not at all"	80	1%	97
<sup>3+4</sup> Speak English "less than well"	241	2%	133
<sup>2+3+4</sup> Speak English "less than very well"	655	5%	142
<b>Linguistically Isolated Households*</b>			
Total	216	100%	72
Speak Spanish	173	80%	71
Speak Other Indo-European Languages	7	3%	17
Speak Asian-Pacific Island Languages	0	0%	12
Speak Other Languages	36	17%	48
<b>Households by Household Income</b>			
Household Income Base	6,683	100%	133
< \$15,000	1,827	27%	103
\$15,000 - \$25,000	701	10%	88
\$25,000 - \$50,000	1,846	28%	106
\$50,000 - \$75,000	1,032	15%	119
\$75,000 +	1,277	19%	69
<b>Occupied Housing Units by Tenure</b>			
Total	6,683	100%	133
Owner Occupied	2,586	39%	102
Renter Occupied	4,097	61%	130
<b>Employed Population Age 16+ Years</b>			
Total	11,008	100%	308
In Labor Force	6,830	62%	282
Civilian Unemployed in Labor Force	393	4%	116
Not In Labor Force	4,177	38%	255

**Data Note:** Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Hispanic population can be of anyrace.

N/A means not available. **Source:** U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS)

\*Households in which no one 14 and over speaks English "very well" or speaks English only.

# EJSCREEN ACS Summary Report



Location: User-specified point center at 35.085404, -106.655397

Ring (buffer): 1-miles radius

Description: Firestone 44W2

	2015 - 2019 ACS Estimates	Percent	MOE (±)
<b>Population by Language Spoken at Home*</b>			
Total (persons age 5 and above)	11,211	100%	497
English	7,784	69%	492
Spanish	3,082	27%	290
French	35	0%	41
French Creole	N/A	N/A	N/A
Italian	N/A	N/A	N/A
Portuguese	N/A	N/A	N/A
German	35	0%	48
Yiddish	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other West Germanic	N/A	N/A	N/A
Scandinavian	N/A	N/A	N/A
Greek	N/A	N/A	N/A
Russian	N/A	N/A	N/A
Polish	N/A	N/A	N/A
Serbo-Croatian	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other Slavic	N/A	N/A	N/A
Armenian	N/A	N/A	N/A
Persian	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gujarathi	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hindi	N/A	N/A	N/A
Urdu	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other Indic	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other Indo-European	60	1%	74
Chinese	48	0%	30
Japanese	N/A	N/A	N/A
Korean	0	0%	12
Mon-Khmer, Cambodian	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hmong	N/A	N/A	N/A
Thai	N/A	N/A	N/A
Laotian	N/A	N/A	N/A
Vietnamese	2	0%	12
Other Asian	0	0%	12
Tagalog	0	0%	12
Other Pacific Island	N/A	N/A	N/A
Navajo	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other Native American	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hungarian	N/A	N/A	N/A
Arabic	0	0%	12
Hebrew	N/A	N/A	N/A
African	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other and non-specified	160	1%	54
Total Non-English	3,427	31%	699

**Data Note:** Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding. Hispanic population can be of any race.

N/A means not available. **Source:** U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) 2015 - 2019.

\*Population by Language Spoken at Home is available at the census tract summary level and up.

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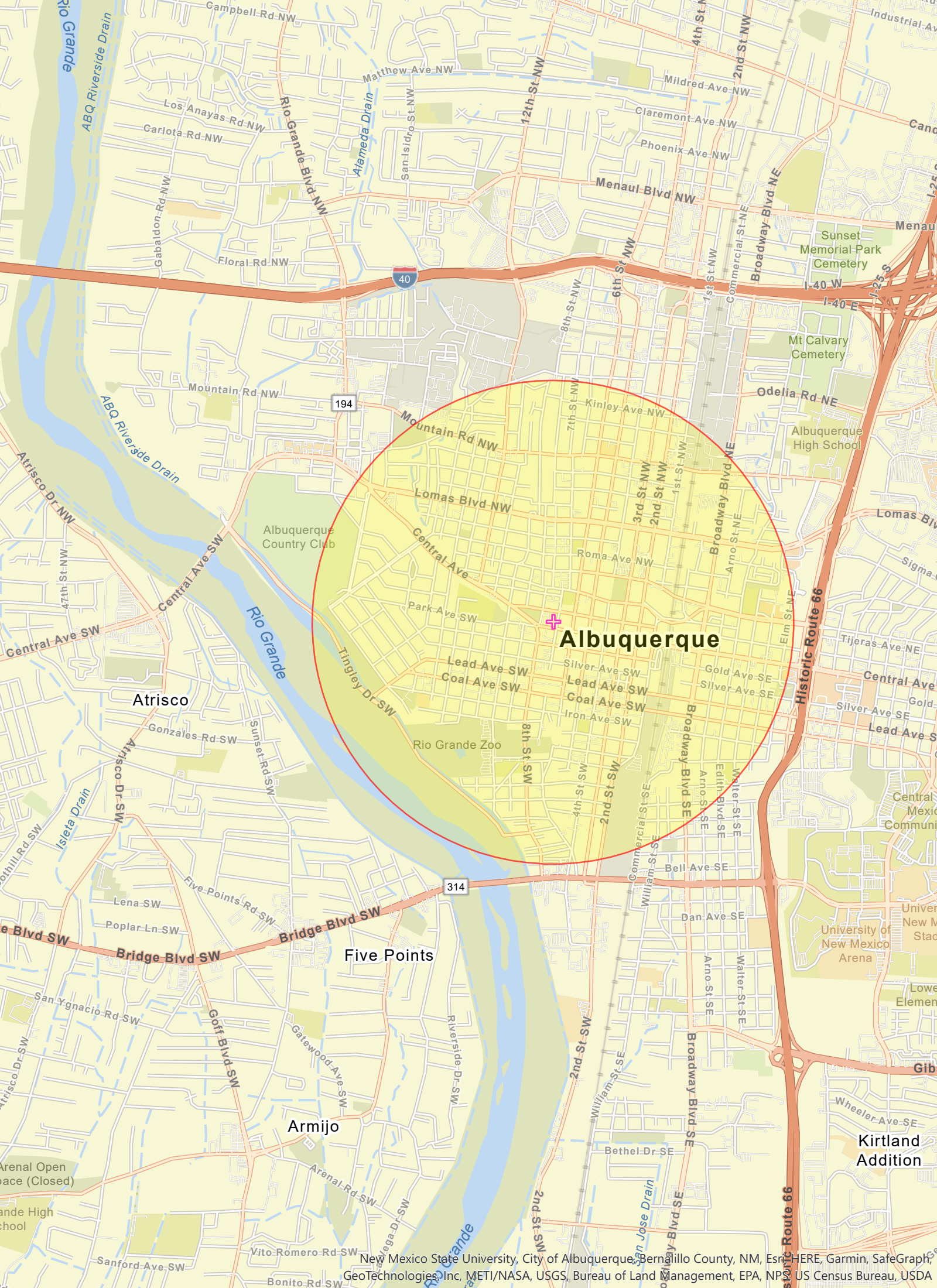
Summary	Census 2010
Population	13,773
Population Density (per sq. mile)	4,727
People of Color Population	8,903
% People of Color Population	65%
Households	6,614
Housing Units	7,403
Land Area (sq. miles)	2.91
% Land Area	96%
Water Area (sq. miles)	0.12
% Water Area	4%

Population by Race	Number	Percent
Total	13,773	-----
Population Reporting One Race	13,121	95%
White	9,351	68%
Black	438	3%
American Indian	716	5%
Asian	138	1%
Pacific Islander	16	0%
Some Other Race	2,463	18%
Population Reporting Two or More Races	652	5%
Total Hispanic Population	7,513	55%
Total Non-Hispanic Population	6,260	45%
White Alone	4,870	35%
Black Alone	360	3%
American Indian Alone	604	4%
Non-Hispanic Asian Alone	123	1%
Pacific Islander Alone	12	0%
Other Race Alone	45	0%
Two or More Races Alone	246	2%

Population by Sex	Number	Percent
Male	7,345	53%
Female	6,428	47%

Population by Age	Number	Percent
Age 0-4	701	5%
Age 0-17	2,065	15%
Age 18+	11,708	85%
Age 65+	1,544	11%

Households by Tenure	Number	Percent
Total	6,614	
Owner Occupied	2,551	39%
Renter Occupied	4,064	61%



# Albuquerque

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