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The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is hereby providing notice pursuant to Subsection E of 20.3.4.426 NMAC that Thermo Eberline, LLC, whose business address is 27 Forge Parkway, Franklin, MA 02038, a radioactive materials licensee, has submitted a decommissioning plan for its facility located at 5981 Airport Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, pursuant to 20.3.3.318 NMAC. "Decommission" means to remove a facility or site safely from service and reduce residual radioactivity to a level that permits release of the property for unrestricted use and termination of the license.

This plan is required in order to terminate the facility's radioactive materials license and return the site to a condition that permits unrestricted use. As the licensee, Thermo Eberline is solely responsible for conducting decommissioning activities, including characterization, cleanup, and remediation of any contamination under regulatory oversight.

The NMED's Radiation Control Bureau (RCB) has completed a preliminary technical review of the submitted decommissioning plan and has determined that it meets the minimum requirements for proceeding with public notice and comment. RCB's review ensures the plan aligns with state regulations, protects public health, and provides sufficient information to assess environmental impacts.

NMED's role in this process is to evaluate the adequacy of the licensee's plan, respond to public concerns, and determine whether to approve the decommissioning plan and proceed with license termination. The department is not responsible for conducting cleanup activities.

During the evaluation period, NMED reviews and comments upon the decommissioning plan. NMED may, at its discretion, retain consultants to assist it in its evaluation of the decommissioning plan. NMED will notify and solicit comments from local governments in the vicinity of the site of the licensed activity and any Indian nation or other indigenous people that have treaty or statutory rights that could be affected by the decommissioning of the site or the licensed activity. Relevant comments and questions received by NMED from various agencies and interested parties will be forwarded to the licensee for response. Correspondence associated with the decommissioning plan will be on file with the Radiation Control Bureau and will be available for inspection by the licensee and any other interested party.

The decommissioning plan is available for review on our website here: <https://www.env.nm.gov/rcb/thermo-eberline-llc-final-decommissioning-plan/>, and at the following location:
New Mexico Environment Department
Radiation Control Bureau
Robert Bicknell
525 Camino De Los Marquez, Suite 1A
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Written comments and requests for public hearing will be accepted for 30 days after publication of this notice. Written comments regarding the decommissioning plan should be submitted to NMED's Public Comment Portal here: <https://nmed.commentinput.com?id=fZraETHcD>, or mailed to: New Mexico Environment Department, Radiation Control Bureau, ATTN: Thermo Decommissioning, P.O. Box 5469, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-5469.

If you are a non-English speaker, do not speak English well, or if you have a disability, you may contact the NMED Permit Contact to request assistance, an interpreter, or an auxiliary aid to learn more about the decommissioning plan or the review process, or to participate in activities associated with the review process. To the extent possible, NMED will arrange for requested interpretation services and accommodations or services for persons with disabilities. Telephone conversation assistance is available through Relay New Mexico at no charge for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have difficulty speaking on the phone, by calling 1-800-659-1779; TTY users: 1-800-659-8331; Spanish: 1-800-327-1857. Telephone interpretation assistance for persons that are a non-English speaker or do not speak English well is available at no charge when calling NMED.