



December 12, 2025

Mr. Joel Stone
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Division
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505

RE: DCP OPERATING COMPANY, LP GROUNDWATER DISCHARGE PLAN, ZIA II GAS
PLANT (NMOCD ACTION ID #523802)

Mr. Stone,

On behalf of DCP Operating Company, LP ("DCP", OGRID #36785), we (Geolex, Inc.) are providing the enclosed supplemental materials to support DCP's discharge permit application for the existing Zia II Gas Plant (Facility ID: fOY1704637153), which was determined to be administratively complete, on November 14, 2025. In accordance with the requirements of 10.6.2.3108(B), these supplemental materials include relevant proof of public notice of the discharge permit application, including the following items:

Attachment 1 – Copy of Public Notice (English and Spanish) and photographic documentation of 2 ft. by 3 ft. public notice posted at the Zia II Gas Plant entrance and the Post Office in Hobbs, New Mexico.

Attachment 2 – Identification of all surface owners within 1/3-mile distance of the Zia II Gas Plant Property, signed notifications letters to all surface owners, and U.S. Postal Service proof-of-delivery documents.

Attachment 3 – Copy of ad print published in Hobbs News Sun, on Thursday, November 20, 2025, and notarized Affidavit of Publication.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this Plan, would like to be placed on a facility-specific mailing list for future notices, please contact:

Sincerely,
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ATTACHMENT 1

**COPY OF PUBLIC NOTICE (ENGLISH & SPANISH)
AND PHOTOGRAPHIC DOCUMENTATION OF POSTING AT THE
ZIA II GAS PLANT AND HOBBS, NEW MEXICO POST OFFICE**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission Regulations (NMAC 20.6.2.3108(B)), the following discharge permit application has been submitted to the Director of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD), 1220 South Saint Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505; (505) 476-3441:

NMOCD Discharge Permit Number GW-Pending
Zia II Gas Processing Plant
DCP Operating Company, LP (DCP)
Lat/Long. (NAD83): 32.64330, -103.80888
89 Lusk Road; Hobbs, NM 88240
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DCP anuncia la presentación de una solicitud para posibles vertidos no intencionados en la planta de procesamiento de gas Zia II. La instalación almacena más de 100.000 galones de petróleo, aguas residuales, condensados, glicol, amina, aceite lubricante, aceite sintético, aceite de sobrecarga caliente y aceite de transformador en tanques y recipientes de almacenamiento aéreos, y está diseñada para procesar 230 millones de pies cúbico estándar al día (MMSCFD) de gas natural. La instalación es una planta de gas criogénico a través de la cual el gas natural y los condensados de las instalaciones cercanas de producción de petróleo y gas se transportan por oleoducto para su tratamiento y procesamiento. Una vez recogido en la instalación, el gas natural producido se deshidrata para eliminar el contenido de agua y se comprime mediante procesamiento criogénico. El permiso de descarga incluye una descripción de los materiales almacenados y utilizados en la instalación y cualquier residuo generado. El agua subterránea se encuentra a menos de 102 pies bajo la superficie del suelo y contiene concentraciones totales disueltas (TDS) típicamente inferiores a 700 miligramos por litro (mg/L). El permiso de vertido aborda cómo se manejarán, almacenarán y eliminarán los líquidos y residuos sólidos, incluyendo procedimientos para prevenir vertidos no intencionados. Se abordan los requisitos de acción de respuesta y reducción de derrames y fugas.

El NMOCD ha determinado que la solicitud está administrativamente completa y está en proceso de preparar un borrador de permiso. El NMOCD publicará un aviso en su sitio web y distribuirá aviso de la presentación de la solicitud a agencias gubernamentales locales, estatales, federales, tribales o pueblo afectadas, subdivisiones políticas, asociaciones de zanjas y concesiones de tierras según lo identifique por el departamento, así como a las personas en una lista general y específica de instalaciones mantenida por el departamento que hayan solicitado notificación de solicitudes de permiso de descarga. Las personas interesadas pueden obtener información, enviar comentarios y solicitar ser incluidas en una lista de correo específica de cada centro para futuros avisos. El NMOCD también aceptará comentarios y declaraciones de interés respecto al proyecto del permiso y creará una lista de correo específica para cada instalación para las personas que deseen recibir avisos futuros. Antes de pronunciarse sobre cualquier permiso propuesto, el Director deberá conceder un periodo de al menos 30 días tras la publicación del borrador del permiso, durante el cual las personas interesadas podrán presentar comentarios.

Las personas interesadas en obtener más información, enviar comentarios o solicitar inscribirse en una lista de correo específica de la instalación para futuros avisos pueden contactar con el contacto de la División de Conservación de Petróleo que se indica a continuación:

Sr. Joel Stone
División de Conservación de Petróleo de Nuevo México
División de Minerales y Recursos Naturales de Energía
1220 South St. Francis DriveSanta Fe, NM 87505
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PUBLIC POSTING AND NOTICE OF DISCHARGE PERMIT APPLICATION (DCP Operating Company -- Zia II Gas Plant)

Zia II Gas Plant Entrance

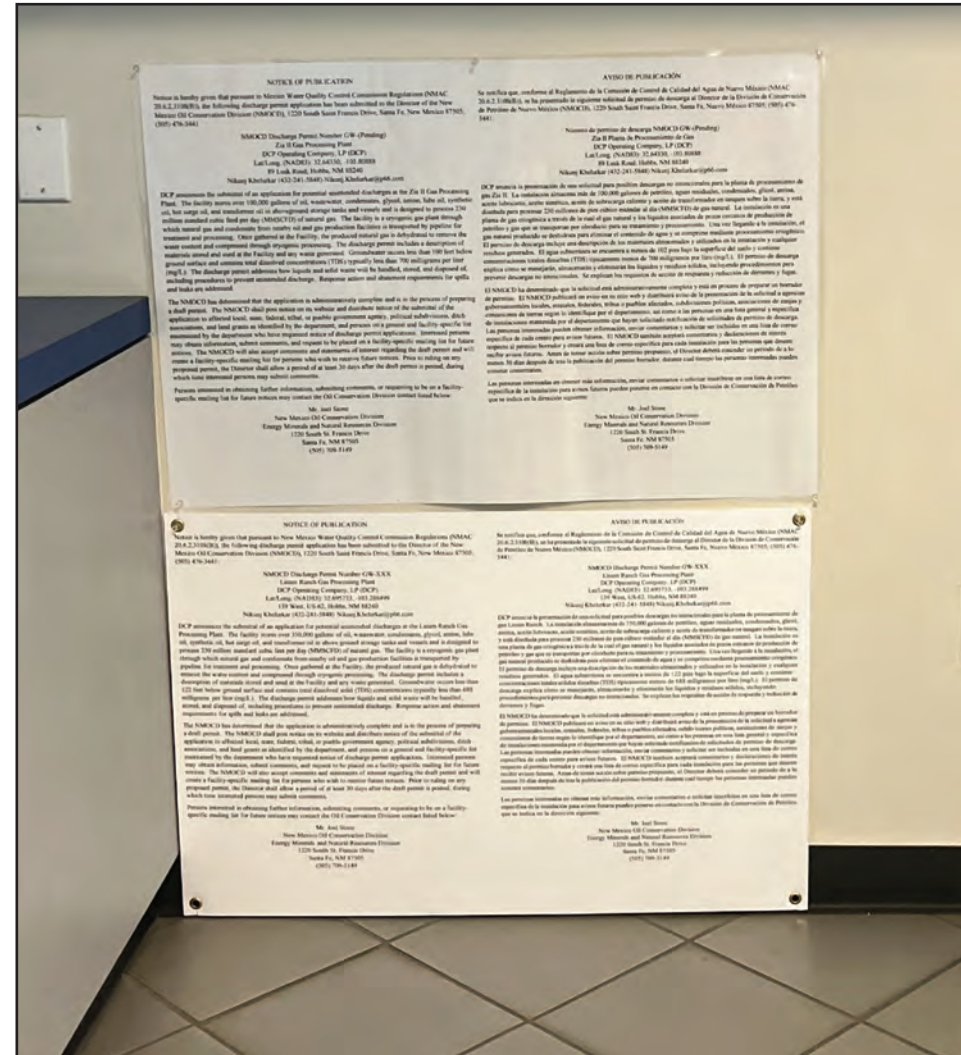
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ZIA II GAS PLANT

Latitude: 32.6432 Longitude: -103.8070
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Photograph showing 2 ft. by 3 ft. public notice posted at the entrance to the Zia II Gas Plant on December 11, 2025.

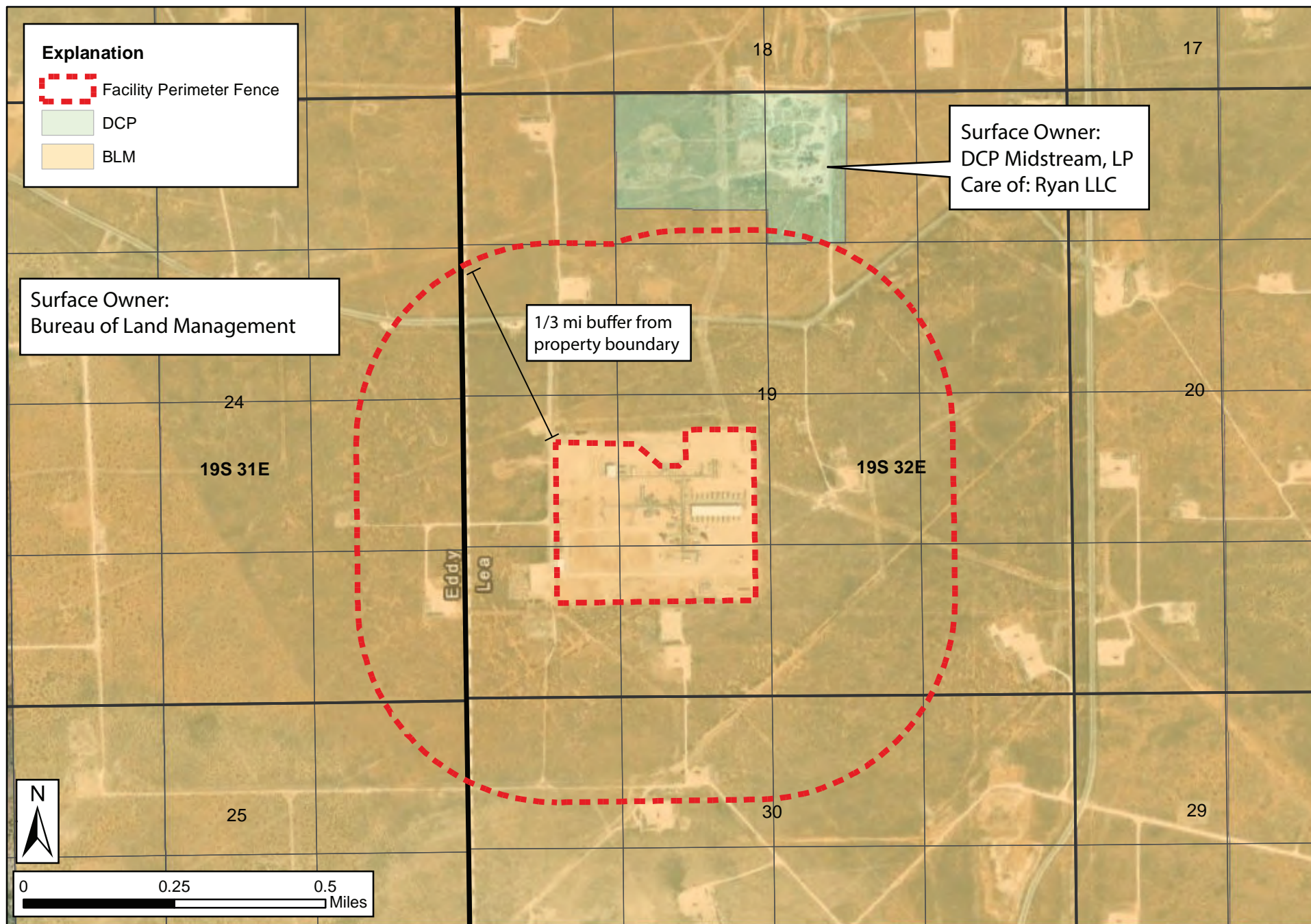


Photograph showing 2 ft. by 3 ft. public notice (top poster) posted at the Hobbs, New Mexico Post Office, on December 11, 2025.

ATTACHMENT 2

**IDENTIFICATION OF ALL SURFACE OWNERS WITHIN 1/3-MILE
DISTANCE OF THE ZIA II GAS PLANT PROPERTY**

**COPIES OF SIGNED NOTIFICATION LETTERS TO SURFACE OWNERS
AND U.S. POSTAL SERVICE PROOF OF DELIVERY DOCUMENTS**



LOCATION MAP SHOWING A 1/3-MILE AREA AROUND THE ZIA II GAS PLANT AND ADJACENT SURFACE OWNERSHIP. ADJACENT SURFACE OWNERS INCLUDE BLM AND DCP MIDSTREAM LP.



November 18, 2025

DCP Midstream, LLC
c/o Ryan, LLC
100 Congress Avenue, Suite 2900
Austin, TX 78701

RE: DCP OPERATING COMPANY, LP GROUNDWATER DISCHARGE PLAN

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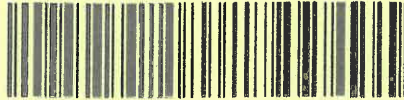
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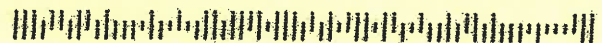
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Mark the date

TODAY

Lea Commission

The Lea County Commission meeting is at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 20 in the commission chambers at the Lea County Historic Courthouse located at 100 N. Love Street in downtown Lovington.

Hobbs Rotary

Hobbs Rotary Club meets at noon at the Hobbs Country Club.

Recovery meeting

Regenerations, a Christ-centered recovery program, meets at 6 p.m. at Pleasant Green Missionary Baptist Church, 912 S McKinley St., in Hobbs.

Adult crafts

Hobbs Public Library will host adult craft time and games, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. in the library meeting room at 509 N. Shipp St. in Hobbs.

Storytime

Hobbs Public Library will host dual-language storytime in Spanish and English for children ages 3 – 5 from 11 a.m. – noon.

Lovington Lodgers Tax

Lovington Lodgers' Tax Board will meet at 5:15 p.m. at Lovington City Hall.

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FRIDAY

Burgers and billiards

The American Legion Post 26, 4014 N. Dal Paso St. in Hobbs, will be selling Green Chile Cheeseburgers starting at 4 p.m. on today (Friday) with an open pool tournament to follow. Registration and practice start at 5:30 with the tournament starting at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY

Red Kettle Kickoff

Hobbs Salvation Army will be hosting its 2025 Red Kettle Kickoff event at 6 p.m. at the Hobbs Country Club.

Toy Drive

Lea County Communications Authority will be accepting donations of new, unopened toys and monetary donations for its annual toy drive, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., in the parking lot of Carter's Thrift-

way, 1317 N. Turner St., in Hobbs.

Real Talk Support Group

Helen Houston's Justice House is hosting Real Talk Support Group from 10-11 a.m. on Sat. Nov. 22 at 1720 S. Turner in Hobbs. The support group is for those who have been incarcerated or those who have a loved one that has been or is currently incarcerated.

Craft days

Hobbs Public Library will host Saturday Crafts, 11 a.m. – noon, at the library, 509 N. Shipp St.

Guidelines

Readers are welcome to submit items for free to Mark the Date calendar. The event should have a local connection, be open to the public and have contact information provided. E-mail items to editor@hobbsnews.com.

College enrollment rises for fourth year in a row

FOR THE NEWS-SUN

SANTA FE — College enrollment has increased in New Mexico for the fourth consecutive year, the New Mexico Higher Education Department announced Wednesday, based on preliminary fall enrollment data reported by universities throughout the state.

There are 4,016 new students pursuing a degree in the fall 2025 semester, a 3.6 percent increase from the fall 2024 semester, bringing the total number of degree-seeking students in New Mexico to 113,991.

College enrollment in New Mexico has increased each year since the fall 2021 semester and 13.6 percent total over that four-year timeframe, representing 13,727 additional students.

“New Mexico’s commitment to expansive and inclusive free tuition is proving successful,” said Higher Education Secretary Stephanie M. Rodriguez. “The intent of this policy has always been to remove debt as a barrier to higher education for the thousands of New Mexicans who want to further their education and career and better

provide for their families and communities. More and more New Mexicans every year are seizing the opportunity.”

Enrollment in the fall 2025 semester increased across every higher education sector in New Mexico: more students are attending research universities (3.3 percent), comprehensive universities (0.9 percent), branch community colleges (6.5 percent) and independent community colleges (3.4 percent).

Nearly every public institution of higher education in the state reported enrollment increases, including the University of New Mexico, New Mexico State University and Central New Mexico Community College, the state’s three largest public colleges.

The largest increases by percentage were seen at the University of New Mexico branch campus at Gallup (16.4 percent), Northern New Mexico College (12.4 percent), and the University of New Mexico branch campus in Valencia County (11.8 percent).

For more information about the Opportunity Scholarship and Lottery Scholarship, visit ReachHigherNM.com.

Event Center

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have been damaged by rust, probably caused by leaks and condensation. Kemp said a total of 16 windows will need to be replaced, at a projected cost of \$200,968. The existing hollow metal windows will be replaced with insulated exterior panes and the interior panes will have tempered glass.

A subcontractor discovered clay in the northeast parking lot while removing old asphalt, and it will cost approximately \$64,528 to remediate.

“That clay has to be removed and then back fill material put back in before we can pave,” Kemp said.

Workers also found the need for additional roof drains to prevent water on the top layer from draining onto the second layer of the roof, which will direct to flow of water to the ground. This project will cost \$26,410.

Technicians will also need to redesign the

network to power the media mesh screen on the front of the building. That includes the addition of two IT equipment rooms at a projected cost of \$215,839, Kemp said.

“This is a redesign of what our IT staff wanted to see versus what was originally proposed,” Kemp said.

The new IT rooms will be placed underneath the stairs with split systems installed to keep the rooms cool, he said.

Even though there were several increases in the budget, Kemp had a credit to add to the list.

Some design changes were made to the landscape of the front patio entrance involving the curb and sidewalk decreasing the cost by \$5,849.

Christina Holt's email is reporter3@hobbsnews.com.

Permian Strategic Partnership welcomes Deep Blue as new member

FOR THE NEWS-SUN

MIDLAND, Texas — The Permian Strategic Partnership (PSP) welcomes Deep Blue as the newest member to its coalition of 29 of the region’s eminent energy companies and university systems.

This member addition underscores PSP’s dedication to building a coalition of diverse partners invested in setting the standard for energy production, PSP said in a press release.

“We are excited to welcome Deep Blue to the PSP,” said Tracee Bentley, president and CEO of the Permian Strategic Partnership. “Water is an often overlooked, yet critical, part of the day-to-day operations of oil and gas production. Deep Blue’s innovative water management solutions are an excellent example of responsible resource management, a key element in helping the Permian Basin thrive.”

Formed in 2023 as a joint venture between Diamondback and Five Point, Deep Blue has rapidly built the Midland Basin’s largest independent water infrastructure plat-

form. Deep Blue handles the entire water cycle, from gathering and transporting to treating, recycling, and disposing.

“The energy industry has never shied away from challenges,” said Scott Mitchell, Chief Executive Officer of Deep Blue. “I see that same undaunted spirit in the PSP as they work to improve the lives of those who live in the Permian Basin. We look forward to collaborating with the PSP and its members to find solutions that benefit Midland and beyond.”

As part of its mission to strengthen and improve the quality of life for residents across the Permian Basin, the PSP is working alongside federal, state, and local leaders and their member companies to develop and implement strategic plans that support superior schools, quality healthcare, a skilled workforce, and safer roads. The collaboration of its member companies brings together people, expertise, resources, and leadership to deliver solutions for the Permian Basin, the press release stated.

Tower

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Hobbs a regional training facility for New Mexico.

In a letter to the City of Hobbs discussing the details of the project, Lasco Construction estimated it would take about six month to finish the project.

In its letter Lasco stated,

“Lasco has successfully delivered complex, safety-sensitive projects requiring heavy structural work, specialized equipment and compliance with stringent codes. Out experience includes educational and athletic facilities, public

safety facilities and specialized training facilities — all of which demonstrated our ability to deliver projects comparable in scope to the fire tower.”

Caleb A. Gallegos' email is courts@hobbsnew.com.

Chinese drug suspect pleads not guilty

NEW YORK (AP) — A Chinese drug trafficking suspect who escaped custody in Mexico only to be recaptured in Cuba has been turned over to the U.S. to face charges he trafficked large quantities of cocaine and fentanyl into the country.

Zhi Dong Zhang, also known as “Brother Wang,” among other aliases, pleaded not guilty to the charges at his arraignment Wednesday in Brooklyn federal court. His lawyer declined to comment following the court appearance.

Federal officials say Zhang ran a vast drug trafficking and money laundering operation that imported thousands of kilograms (pounds) of narcotics into the United States and other countries.

Zhang’s criminal organization operated out of Mexico going back at least to 2016 and laundered its drug proceeds through shell companies created in the U.S. using false social security numbers and other fraudulent documents, according to federal prosecutors.

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NMOCD Discharge Permit Number GW-(Pending)
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AVISO DE PUBLICACIÓN

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