




MEMORANDUM

Date: June 17, 2021

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry 
County Administrator

Re: **Update on Becton, Dickinson and Company (BD) Air Quality Permit Application and Projected Permit Issuance Schedule**

In my memorandum dated May 26th, I informed the Board of BD's application to the Pima County Department of Environmental Quality (PDEQ) for an air quality permit for their new medical equipment sterilization facility using ethylene oxide, located at Kolb and Valencia adjacent to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

As stated previously, the development permitting is being processed by the City of Tucson. Comments from Davis-Monthan Air Force Base have been submitted to the City expressing significant concerns over the BD facility. We invite the public and those who have provided information, to submit comments to PDEQ as this project proceeds through the process.

Attached is PDEQ's projected schedule for BD's air quality permit process (Attachment 1), with permit available for public review estimated in August. Given the nature of ethylene oxide and its location, multiple open houses will be held for public input. All current information on this air quality permit can be found at PDEQ's website at [BD & Company Ethylene Oxide Sterilization Facility](#). Updates will continue to be provided to the Board.

Attachment

c: Jan Leshar, Chief Deputy County Administrator
Carmine DeBonis Jr. Deputy County Administrator for Public Works
Ursula Nelson, Director Department of Environmental Quality
Diana Durazo, Special Projects Manager, County Administrator's Office

ATTACHMENT 1



Air Quality Permit Processing Proposed Schedule Becton Dickinson and Company (BD)

Pima County Department of Environmental Quality (PDEQ) has received an air quality permit application from Becton, Dickinson and Company (BD) for a new ethylene oxide sterilization facility in Tucson. The proposed facility will be constructed on a 32.7-acre parcel in the Century Park Marketplace. Its purpose will be to sterilize various medical products such as surgical kits, intravenous (IV) catheters and sets, surgical and vascular prep devices and various types of syringes.

The PDEQ Air Program has developed the following draft schedule for the permit process.

- April, 2021 Application Received
- June, 2021 Preliminary Draft Permit Available for BD Review
- August, 2021 Proposed Permit Available for Public Review
- September, 2021 1st Public Open House
- September, 2021 2nd Public Open House
- October, 2021 Public Hearing
- November, 2021 End of Public Review
- December, 2021 Draft Response to Public Comments
- January, 2022 Notice of Intent to Issue Final Permit
- January, 2022 Issue Final BD Air Permit
- January, 2022 30-day Appeal Window (Pima County Hearing Board)

Note: The schedule is based on the following:

There are no significant technical issues with the permit application.

There will be no significant public comments that will require re-public notice of the permit.

EPA agrees to concurrent review of the permit during public notice