

S&P Global

NMSU received notification in December that S&P Global affirmed NMSU's "AA-" long-term rating and underlying rating on revenue bonds. The outlook is stable. This is very good news for NMSU as it demonstrates the success of our continued careful fiscal management.

ADA Access Improvements

To ensure ADA compliance, Structural Maintenance is replacing the non-compliant ramps with new ADA compliant ramps on campus. As a result, designated accessible routes are enhanced, and upgrades to surrounding sidewalks and curbs are completed.



New Payment Rule

On Monday January 10th, 2017, rule no. 2.36 – Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) was approved by the University Administrative Council (UAC). Chief Information Security Officer, John Roberts and IT Compliance Officer, Carlos Lobato presented the rule for a second reading. This new rule offers stringent guidelines that provide protection for cardholder data and comply with data security standards. Related to the new payment rule, Chancellor Gary Carruthers formally established and approved a PCI DSS Steering Committee. The Steering Committee's primary function will be to oversee, and ensure University-wide PDI DSS compliance. For more information, visit www.pcidss.edu or email the Committee at pci-team@nmsu.edu.



NMSU's 2016 Firefighter of the Year

Mario Pacheco was selected as NMSU's 2016 Firefighter of the Year. Mario joined the fire department in March of 2015. His most recent accomplishment includes attaining the rank of Lieutenant and completing his Emergency Medical Technician Intermediate certification. Mario has shown himself to be a genuine leader that pushes himself and his crew to perform to their utmost capability. Mario is currently pursuing a degree in Kinesiology at NMSU.

Entryway Project

Facilities Maintenance continues working on refreshing the entryways and common areas in I&G buildings. Currently, they are working in the O'Loughlin House with an expected completion date of January 13, 2017. The Speech Building revitalizing will begin next week. For this fiscal year, the Entryway Project has been completed in the Clara Belle Williams Hall, Stan Fulton Athletic Center, New Mexico Department of Agriculture, and at the New Science Hall.



Indoor Pool Heating System

The Mechanical Shop has been working on correcting a problem with the heating system for the indoor pool water and has identified a problem with the flow through the heat exchanger. The heat exchanger was disassembled and they found a buildup of corrosion and sludge in the system. They cleaned the heat exchanger and identified a section of piping that needs to be replaced during Spring Break. At this time, the indoor pool temperature is 80 degrees Fahrenheit and has been returned to service.

Turbine Generator Replacement

Solar Turbine is on campus performing the scheduled replacement of the turbine generator and transmission. This is performed as part of our service agreement every 30,000 hours of runtime. The system was taken out of service on January 7, 2017 and returns to service on January 15, 2017. During the outage, Plant Operations are performing additional preventive maintenance tasks on the systems that support turbine operations. They are also monitoring NMSU's daily electrical consumption and adjusting operations to help minimize consumption while the turbine is out of service.

