

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0020273

The applicant's mailing address is:

City of Raton Wastewater Treatment/Reclamation Facility
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The facility is located at 420-East Hereford Avenue, Raton, Colfax County, New Mexico. The City of Raton Wastewater Treatment/Reclamation Facility has a design flow capacity of 0.9 MGD serving a residential population of 6885 and is classified as a minor municipal discharger under the Federal Clean Water Act, Section 402, of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program. The facility discharge is to Doggett Creek (20.6.4.318. NMAC), thence to Raton Creek (NM-2305.A_253), thence to Chicorica Creek, thence to Canadian River in the Canadian River Basin Grande Basin.

This is a renewal of a permit previously issued on May 28, 2015, with an effective date of July 1, 2015, and an expiration date of June 30, 2020.

Changes from the previous permit are:

- Added the E. coli bacteria 30-day average loading limit of 4.3 billion cfu/day;
- Added a 30-day average concentration limit of 9.3 mg/L for TN;
- Added a 30-day average loading limit of 41.1 lbs/day for TN;
- Added a 30-day average loading limit of 13.3 lbs/day for TP;
- Established a 5-year schedule of compliance consistent with the most recent, Water Quality Control Commission-approved version of the New Mexico Environment Department, Surface Water Quality Bureau's "Nutrient Temporary Standards for City of Raton Wastewater Treatment Plant, NPDES No. NM0020273 to Doggett Creek."

A fact sheet is available.

State Certification

This Notice also serves as Public Notice of the intent of the New Mexico Environment Department, Surface Water Quality Bureau to consider issuing Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 Certification. The purpose of such certification is to reasonably ensure that the permitted activities will be conducted in a manner that will comply with applicable New Mexico water quality standards, including the anti-degradation policy, and the statewide water quality management plan. The NPDES permit will not be issued until the certification requirements of Section 401 have been met.

If you want to comment on State Certification submit written comments within the 30-day period to:

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