

**NPDES AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES
PERMIT NO. NM0030112**

The applicant's mailing address is:

State of New Mexico Department of Game & Fish (NMDGF)
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The facility (Latitude 35° 55' 39.072" N and Longitude 106° 42' 13.2978" W) is located at 346 Forest Road 314, city of Jemez Springs, Sandoval County, New Mexico. The locations of the two outfalls based on the flow diagram in the application package are:

Outfall 001 - Latitude 35° 55' 35.62" North, Longitude 106° 42' 13.78" West

Outfall 002 - Latitude 35° 55' 35.42" North, Longitude 106° 42' 13.07" West

Under the SIC code 921, the facility hatches and raises Rio Grande cutthroat trout for stocking in lakes and streams with estimated production maximum of 10,200 lbs annually. Water sources are Calaveras Spring, Cebolla Spring, Coldwater Spring and Seven Spring; some of the springs water are oxygenated before being utilized.

This is a proposed modification of a permit previously issued on February 22, 2019 with an effective date of April 1, 2019 and an expiration date of March 21, 2024. The following are changes from the previous final permit:

- Removal of limitations for aluminum at Outfall 001 as requested by the NMDGF. This is based on a sampling study conducted by the NMDGF at source of each spring in conjunction with effluent samples. The study shows that aluminum concentrations in source water are consistently higher than the discharge wastewater.
- Sampling of total recoverable aluminum and hardness as requested by NMED. For the first two years from the effective date of this amended permit, filtered samples for total recoverable aluminum and hardness will be taken quarterly above and below the outfall. This data is needed for a baseline water quality (BWQ) assessment for the next permit cycle.

A fact sheet is available for review. In accordance with 40 CFR 124.5(c)(2)., only the portions of the permit being modified are open for review and comment.

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 wish to comment on State Certification, please submit written comments within the 30-day period to:

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