



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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DALLAS, TEXAS 75270

February 23, 2021

The Honorable Jerome Lucero, Governor  
Pueblo of Zia  
135 Capitol Square Drive  
Zia Pueblo, NM 87053-6013

Re: Offer of Consultation on Reissuance of NPDES Permit:  
Village of Jemez Springs, NM0028011

Dear Governor Lucero:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 has been working to renew the above referenced NPDES permit. The existing permit has been administratively continued until the permit renewal is finalized. Because the Pueblo of Jemez is located downstream of the facility, the EPA would like to offer the tribe an opportunity to engage in government-to-government consultation on the permit renewal action.

Identifying concerns, the Tribe may have as early in the permitting renewal process as possible will allow EPA and the permittees to address potential impacts to the Tribe resources and practices. EPA anticipates having the draft permit available on February 27, 2021, with a 30-day public comment period from the date of public notice. The draft permit will be available online at: <https://www.epa.gov/publicnotices>. The tribal consultation opportunity will begin as of the date of this letter. Any Tribal concerns with the draft permit will need to be identified by the end of the public comment period. A copy of the draft permit will also be provided to your office.

Tribal consultation will be conducted in accordance with the EPA Policy on Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribes ([www.epa.gov/tribal/consultation/consult-policy.htm](http://www.epa.gov/tribal/consultation/consult-policy.htm)). Should you have questions, concerns or wish to discuss this action or the NPDES program, please contact Brent Larsen of my staff at (214) 665-7523. Should you wish to engage in consultation, please contact me or Randy Gee at (214) 665-8355.

Sincerely,

*Charles Maguire*

Charles W. Maguire  
Director  
Water Division

cc: Glenn Tortalita, Environmental Manager  
Pueblo of Zia