

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0023311

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The discharge from this facility is located at 2851 West Amador, Las Cruces in Dona Ana County, New Mexico. Under the SIC code 4952, the applicant operates Jacob Hands Memorial WWTF, which has a design flow of 13.5 MGD. It provides sanitary services for approximately 107,885-population, including the same 8 significant industrial users in the previous application. Effluent is dechlorinated before discharging to a short unnamed ditch, thence to the Rio Grande River (Segment 20.6.4.101 NMAC). Designated uses of the receiving water are stated in the fact sheet.

This is a renewal of a permit previously issued on September 30, 2015, with an effective date of November 1, 2015, and an expiration date of October 31, 2020.

Changes from the previous permit are:

- New limits for PCBs have been added with a compliance schedule.
- Monitoring frequency for % removal has been reduced.
- Monitoring of toxic pollutants have been added.
- Optional MPN unit for E. coli bacteria has been added.
- WET limitation has been established for *Ceriodaphnia dubia* with a compliance schedule.

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 antidegradation 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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