

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0031226

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As described in the application, Billali Mine is located in Grant County, New Mexico. Under the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code(s) 1041, the applicant operates an underground silica mine that includes small amounts of gold and silver. The discharges from Outfall 001 (Outfall 001: Latitude 32° 53' 00.23" N, Longitude 108° 59' 00.74" W) flow into Bitter Creek (Segment 20.6.4.98) of the Upper Gila-Mangas Basin. The designated uses of the receiving water are livestock watering, wildlife habitat, primary contact and marginal warmwater aquatic life.

This is a new permit.

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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