

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0030678

The applicant's mailing address is:

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The facility is located on the Pueblo of Laguna Tribal land near the intersection of Interstate 40 and Indian Service Route #22, in Cibola County, New Mexico. Under the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) 4952, the applicant currently operates a publically owned treatment works. The plant services Dancing Eagle Casino, restaurant, travel center and a small local residential area. The treatment works are a Kubota TM design Membrane Bioreactor (MBR) employing two MBR basins with 4 plate cartridges in each basin. The two basins operate simultaneously except during brief times when maintenance is being performed on one unit. The combined twin MBR design flow is 0.19 MGD with peak flow capability of 0.38 MGD. The discharge is located on Pueblo of Laguna Tribal land. The discharge flows approximately 38 miles before it reaches the Rio Puerco on the western boundary of the Pueblo of Isleta. The discharge then travels an additional 5 miles further downstream before it reaches State of New Mexico waters. Laguna Pueblo has trial water quality standards which have not been reviewed or approved by EPA.

This is a renewal of a permit issued on September 30, 2016, with an effective date of November 01, 2016, and an expiration date of October 31, 2021.

Changes from the previous permit are:

- E. coli monitoring frequency has been revised.
- Limit for E. coli has been revised.
- Limit for Enterococci has been added.
- Limit for pH has been revised.
- Limit for TDS has been added.

A fact sheet is available.

Tribal Certification

This Notice also serves as Public Notice of the intent of the Pueblo of Laguna, Environmental and Natural Resources Department 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 Pueblo of Laguna water quality standards, including the anti-degradation policy, and the Pueblo 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 Certification by the Pueblo of Laguna submit written comments within the 30 day period to:

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