

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0029581

The applicant's mailing address is:

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Lee Ranch Coal Mine
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The discharge from this facility is located at 35 miles north of Milan, City of Grants, in McKinley County, NM. Under the SIC code 1221, the applicant operates a surface coal mine. Receiving waters and their designated uses are listed in the fact sheet.

This is a renewal of a permit issued on April 5, 2018, with an effective date of June 1, 2018, and an expiration date of May 31, 2023.

Changes from the previous permit are:

- Limits for TSS and BOD, O&G, percent removal, E. coli bacteria and TRC have been established to new internal Outfall EVAP-2.
- Monitoring frequency for TSS and SS has been increased to daily.
- WET testing frequency for 24-hour acute test has been reduced to once per permit term to outfalls discharging to ephemeral streams.

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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