

**NPDES PERMIT NO. NM0024830**  
**RESPONSE TO COMMENTS**

RECEIVED ON THE SUBJECT DRAFT  
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES)  
PERMIT IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULATIONS LISTED AT 40CFR124.17

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PERMIT ACTION: Final permit decision and response to comments received on the proposed  
NPDES permit publicly noticed on February 25, 2023.

DATE PREPARED: April 12, 2023

Unless otherwise stated, citations to 40 CFR refer to promulgated regulations listed at Title 40,  
Code of Federal Regulations, revised as of January 10, 2023.

### CHANGES FROM THE DRAFT PERMIT

There are changes from the draft permit publicly noticed on February 25, 2023

- Repeated effluent Characteristics table has been deleted.
- Ohkay Owingeh address has been added to the final permit for reporting purposes.
- Ohkay Owingeh contact information has been updated and added to the final permit for reporting purposes.
- Permit number typographical error on page 8 of Part II has been updated.

### STATE CERTIFICATION

In a letter from Shelly Lemon, Bureau Chief, Surface Water Quality Bureau, to Troy C. Hill, Acting Director, Water Division (EPA) dated April 11, 2023, the NMED certified that the discharge will comply with the applicable provisions of Section 208(e), 301, 301, 303, 306 and 307 of the Clean Water Act and with appropriate requirements of State law. The NMED stated that in order to meet the requirements of State law, including water quality standards and appropriate basin plan as may be amended by the water quality management plan, each of the conditions cited in the draft permit and the State certification shall not be made less stringent. The State also stated that it reserves the right to amend or revoke this certification if such action is necessary to ensure compliance with the State's water quality standards and water quality management plan.

### CONDITIONS OF CERTIFICATION

There are no conditions of State certification.

### COMMENTS THAT ARE NOT CONDITIONS OF CERTIFICATION

**Comment No. 1:** Permit Part 1.A. Limitations and Monitoring Requirements. NMED notes that the table with the header information for effluent characteristic/discharge limitation/monitoring requirements is repeated and requested that the extra table be deleted.

**Response No. 1:** Repeated header has been deleted in the final permit.

**Comment No. 2:** Permit - Part I.C - Monitoring and Reporting (Minor Dischargers). NMED requests the DMRs be sent to Ohkay Owingeh at the address below:

- a. Ohkay Owingeh  
Natural Resources Division  
Office of Environmental Affairs  
P.O. Box 717  
Ohkay Owingeh, NM 87566

**Response No. 2:** To receive DMRs, Ohkay Owingeh address has been added to part 1.C. of the final permit.

**Comment No. 3:** Permit - Part I.D- Overflow Reporting. NMED notes that there is no direct contact provided for Ohkay Owingeh. NMED recommends establishing a point of contact for overflow reporting. The contact number for the Ohkay Owingeh Natural Resources Division is (505) 852-4211. The contact number for the Ohkay Owingeh Office of Environmental Affairs is (505) 852-1432.

**Response No. 3:** Contact phone numbers for Ohkay Owingeh's Natural Resources Division and Office of Environmental Affairs has been added to the final permit.

**Comment No. 4:** NMED notes that there is a typographical error on page 16 of 17 (Page 8 of Part II), the NPDES Permit Number is listed as NM0029629 which needs to be corrected to NM0024830

**Response No. 4:** The typographical error on page 8 of Part II has been corrected in the final permit.