NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0030864

The applicant's mailing address is:

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The facility is authorized to discharge from a facility located at 1001 Sunset Ridge Road, Sierra County, New Mexico, into Cuchillo Negro Creek, thence to Rio Grande Basin, from Outfall 001: Latitude 33° 09' 22" North and Longitude 107° 14' 52.01" West. Discharges from the facility for the described activities are to the Cuchillo Negro Creek (20.6.4.98 NMAC). The known designated uses of the receiving water is livestock watering, wildlife habitat, marginal warmwater aquatic life and primary contact.

Under the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code 4952, the applicant operates a POTW with a design flow capacity of 0.6 MGD serving 1435 people.

This is a renewal of a permit issued August 24, 2018, with an effective date of August 25, 2018, and an expiration date of August 24, 2023.

Changes from the previous permit are:

A. Low flow 4Q3 has been changed from 1.14 MGD to 0.151 MGD

A factsheet is available.

State Certification

The 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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