

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0030490

The applicant's mailing address is:
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The applicant is authorized to discharge from the facility located at the intersection of East Sloan Road and Montes Road in La Mesa, Dona Ana County, New Mexico, to Rio Grande in Segment 20.6.4.101 NMAC of the Rio Grande Basin. This segment has designated uses of irrigation, marginal warmwater aquatic life, livestock watering, wildlife habitat and primary contact. The facility's outfall is located at the following coordinates:

Outfall 001: Latitude 32° 05' 22" N and Longitude 106° 39' 36" W

Under the SIC Code 4952, the discharge is from a publicly owned treatment works with a design capacity of 1.05 million gallons per day serving a population of approximately 8200.

This is a renewal of a permit previously issued on June 17, 2019, with an effective date of August 1, 2019, and an expiration date of July 31, 2024. Changes from previous permit are:

- Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS), Adjusted Gross Alpha, Gross Alpha, Uranium, Total Nitrogen (TN), and Total Phosphorous (TP) monitoring requirements were added.
- Effluent limitations were established for Boron (Total) and Cyanide (Total).
- Effluent WET limitations were established for Ceriodaphnia dubia and Pimephales promelas.

A fact sheet 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 45-day period to:

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