

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0031224

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As described in the application, Pueblo of Tesuque Casino WWTP in Tesuque Pueblo on Tesuque Road, Tesuque Pueblo, Santa Fe County, New Mexico. Under the SIC code 4952, the applicant (municipality) operates the Tesuque Casino WWTP.

The facility treats domestic wastewater and has a design flow rate of 0.08 MGD. The receiving water is Rio Tesuque in Waterbody Segment Code No. 20.6.4.98, intermittent waters. State Water Quality Standards stream designated uses are livestock watering, wildlife habitat, marginal warmwater aquatic life and primary contact. The designated uses of the Rio Tesuque, according to the Pueblo of Tesuque Water Quality Standards, Section IV.A.1, are fish culture, warm water fishery, irrigation, livestock watering and wildlife habitat, primary contact and groundwater recharge. The designated uses of the Rio Tesuque and Rio Pojoaque, according to Pueblo of Pojoaque Water Quality Standards, Section IV.F and G, are irrigation, primary contact, marginal cold water fisheries, livestock watering and wildlife habitat use, and groundwater recharge.

It is proposed that the permit be issued for a 5-year term following regulations promulgated at 40 CFR §122.46(a).

Changes from the previous permit are:

1. Updated Outfall Coordinates.
2. Added PFAS Monitoring once/5 years.
3. Added electronic reporting rules.
4. Added facility operational practice requirements.
5. Added Sufficiently Sensitive Methods.
6. Corrected DO minimum to 6 mg/l.
7. Added Pueblo of San Ildefonso to notification for overflow, 24 hour and DMR reporting.
8. Added influent reporting for BOD5 and TSS.

A fact sheet is available.

State Certification

This Notice also serves as Public Notice of the intent of the Pueblo of Tesuque 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 Tesuque Water Quality Standards, and additional requirements articulated at 40 CFR 124.53. The NPDES permit will not be issued until the certification requirements of Section 401 have been met.

If you want to comment on Pueblo of Tesuque Certification submit written comments within the 45-day period to:

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