

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0022250

The applicant's mailing address is:

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The discharge from this facility is located at 4201 2nd Street SW, Bernalillo County, New Mexico. Under the SIC code 4952, the applicant (municipality) operates ABCWUA Southside WWTP, which has a total design flow of 76 MGD serving a population of 659,736 approximately. Effluent is ultraviolet-disinfected before discharging (via Outfall 001) to the Rio Grande River, Middle Rio Grande Basin (Segment 20.6.4.105 NMAC). Designated uses of the receiving water are stated in the Fact Sheet.

This is a renewal of a permit issued on October 10, 2019, with an effective date of December 1, 2019, and an expiration date of November 30, 2024.

Changes from the previous permit are:

- Monitoring for molybdenum has been established.
- PFAS monitoring has been added.
- CD for WET testing has been increased to 100%.
- Requirement of study of methylmercury was completed and is removed now; Mercury Minimization plan is continuously implemented.
- Correction on DO limit has been made.
- Correction on Total Inorganic Nitrogen limits have been made for mass loadings.

A fact sheet is available.

Note: All data submitted by the applicant is available as part of the administrative record. Further information regarding the administrative record may be requested from the EPA contact below or viewed at the address below between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is recommended that you write or call for an appointment, so the record(s) will be available at your convenience.

A virtual Public Meeting, followed by a virtual Public Hearing, will be held on Thursday June 26, 2025. The informal public meeting will start at 5:00 pm (MDT) and last until 6:00 pm (MDT). There will be a short presentation on the draft permit followed by a question and answer session. The Public Hearing will start at 6:30 pm (MDT) and last until no later than 8:30 pm (MDT). The Public Hearing may close before 8:30 pm (MDT) should there be no further interested parties wishing to provide comments. The Public Hearing, which will be recorded for the Record, allows interested parties to provide comments for the record, but is not an evidentiary hearing.

so there will be no opportunity for cross examination. The public comment period will last until the date provided in the Public Notice and allows time for submittal of written comments following the Public Hearing.

Any person requiring special arrangements should notify EPA through the contact person listed below within ten (10) days of this notice. The virtual public hearing will be held in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 124.12. Any person who cannot attend the virtual public hearing may still submit written comments through the end of the comment period.

Instructions on how to join and participate in the Public Meeting and how to join, participate in, and/or register to provide comments at the Public Hearing will be posted on the Public Notice page for this permit in the near future, but not later than one week prior the date of the Public Meeting and Public Hearing.

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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 45-day period to:

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