NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0020311

The applicant's mailing address is:

City of Roswell Wastewater Treatment Facility P.O. Box 1838 Roswell, New Mexico 88202-1838

The applicant is authorized to discharge from the facility located at 2306 East College Boulevard, Roswell, Chaves County, New Mexico, 88202, to two receiving waterbodies. Rio Hondo thence to Pecos River in the Pecos River Basin (Segment No. 20.6.4.231 NMAC) is one of the receiving streams. While the other receiving stream is Berrendo Creek thence to Rio Hondo thence to Pecos River in the Pecos River Basin (Segment No. 20.6.4.206 NMAC) in waterbody assessment unit NM-2208_26. The designated uses for segment number 20.6.4.231 NMAC are irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, primary contact and warmwater aquatic life. Meanwhile, the designated uses for segment number 20.6.4.206 NMAC include irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, secondary contact and warmwater aquatic life. The outfalls are located at the following coordinates:

Outfall 001: Latitude 33° 24' 37" N Longitude 104° 28' 45" W Outfall 002: Latitude 33° 24' 50" N Longitude 104° 27' 40" W

Under the SIC Code 4952, the discharge is from a publicly owned treatment works with a design capacity of 7 million gallons per day serving a population of approximately 47,109. This is a renewal of a permit previously issued on November 20, 2019, with an effective date of January 1, 2020, and an expiration date of December 31, 2024, and currently administratively continued under 5 U.S.C. 558(c). Changes from previous permit are:

- Established E. coli bacteria effluent limitations for Outfall 001.
- Added PFAS, Adjusted Gross Alpha, Natural Uranium and Gross Alpha monitoring requirements.
- Established DO limits for Outfalls 001, 002 and 101

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 30-day period to:

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