

NPDES PERMIT NO. NM0020168

FACT SHEET

FOR THE DRAFT NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES)
PERMIT TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES

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PERMIT ACTION

Proposed re-issuance of the current permit issued on March 25, 2021, with an effective date of May 1, 2021, and an expiration date of April 30, 2026.

RECEIVING WATER – BASIN

Animas River – San Juan River Basin (Segment 20.6.4.403 NMAC)

DOCUMENT ABBREVIATIONS

In the document that follows, various abbreviations are used. They are as follows:

4Q3	Lowest four-day average flow rate expected to occur once every three years
BAT	Best available technology economically achievable
BCT	Best conventional pollutant control technology
BPT	Best practicable control technology currently available
BMP	Best management plan
BOD	Biochemical oxygen demand (five-day unless noted otherwise)
BPJ	Best professional judgment
CBOD	Carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (five-day unless noted otherwise)
CD	Critical dilution
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
cfs	Cubic feet per second
COD	Chemical oxygen demand
COE	United States Corp of Engineers
CWA	Clean Water Act
DMR	Discharge monitoring report
DO	Dissolved oxygen
ELG	Effluent limitation guidelines
EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
ESA	Endangered Species Act
FWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
mg/l	Milligrams per liter
ug/l	Micrograms per liter
lbs	Pounds
MG	Million gallons
MGD	Million gallons per day
NMAC	New Mexico Administrative Code
NMED	New Mexico Environment Department
NMIP	New Mexico NPDES Permit Implementation Procedures
NMWQS	New Mexico State Standards for Interstate and Intrastate Surface Waters
NOEC	No observable effect concentration
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
ML	Minimum quantification level
O&G	Oil and grease
PFAS	Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances
POTW	Publicly owned treatment works
RP	Reasonable potential
SS	Settleable solids
SSM	Sufficiently Sensitive Method
SIC	Standard industrial classification
s.u.	Standard units (for parameter pH)
SWQB	Surface Water Quality Bureau
TDS	Total dissolved solids
TMDL	Total maximum daily load
TRC	Total residual chlorine
TSS	Total suspended solids
UAA	Use attainability analysis
USGS	United States Geological Service
WLA	Waste Load allocation
WET	Whole effluent toxicity
WQCC	New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission
WQMP	Water Quality Management Plan
WWTP	Wastewater treatment plant

I. CHANGES FROM THE PREVIOUS PERMIT

The changes from the current permit issued on March 25, 2021, with an effective date of May 1, 2021, and an expiration date of April 30, 2026, and currently administratively continued under 5 U.S.C. 558(c) are:

- Removing monitoring requirements for Methylmercury, Benzidine and Hexachlorobenzene;
- Adding monitoring requirements for PFAS;
- Adding influent monitoring requirements for TSS and BOD₅; and,
- Changing TRC effluent limit to 11 ug/L from 19 ug/L.

II. APPLICANT LOCATION and ACTIVITY

As described in the application, the facility (Latitude 36° 49' 07" N and Longitude 108° 01' 24" W) is located at 900 S. Oliver Street, Aztec, San Juan County, New Mexico. (See facility location map in Appendix 1)

Under the SIC code 4952, the applicant operates City of Aztec WWTP, which has a design flow of 1.2 MGD (current average daily flow of 0.403 MGD) providing sanitary services for a population of 6,322 with no significant industrial user. The secondary treatment process mainly consists of head works, two aeration basins, two clarifiers, two aerobic digester, sand filter, a UV disinfection system, a belt press and sludge storage area. Effluent is UV-disinfected before discharging to the Animas River. Sludge is digested, thickened and de-watered before hauled to a landfill.

III. EFFLUENT CHARACTERISTICS

Data submitted in Form 2A is as follows:

Parameter	Max	Avg
	(mg/l unless noted)	
Flow (MGD)	1.132	0.403
pH, minimum, standard units (s.u.)	7.04	NA
pH, maximum, standard units (s.u.)	7.73	NA
Temperature (C), winter	22.6	17.1
Temperature (C), summer	26.7	21.9
Biochemical Oxygen Demand, 5-day (BOD ₅)	15.1	5.93
Fecal coliform (cfu/100 ml)	24	10.71
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	27	6.9
Ammonia (as N)	8	2.15
TRC	NA	NA
DO	9.31	8.97
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN)	17	0.23
Nitrate + Nitrite Nitrogen	9.5	4.82
Phosphorus (Total)	4.5	0.05
TDS	750	655

Parameter	Max	Avg
Hardness	390 mg/L	335 mg/L
Antimony, T	0.00067 mg/L	0.00067 mg/L
Arsenic, T	0.0006 mg/L	0.0005 mg/L
Copper, T	0.0031 mg/L	0.0027 mg/L

Lead, T	0.00012 mg/L	0.00012 mg/L
Mercury, T	1.3 ng/L	0.91 ng/L
Nickel, T	0.0026 mg/L	0.002 mg/L
Selenium, T	0.00057 mg/L	0.00057 mg/L
Zinc, T	0.019 mg/L	0.016 mg/L
Benzo(a)anthracene	0.013 ug/L	0.013 ug/L
2,6-dinitrotoluene	0.18 ug/L	0.18 ug/L
Aluminum, T	0.029 mg/L	0.022 mg/L
Barium, D	0.035 mg/L	0.035 mg/L
Boron, D	0.32 mg/L	0.249 mg/L
Cobalt, D	0.006 mg/L	0.006 mg/L
Uranium	1.6 ug/L	1.4 ug/L
Endosulfan	0.018 ug/L	0.018 ug/L
Ra 226+228	0.0617 pCi/L	0.0617 pCi/L
Strontium 90	-0.235 pCi/L	-0.235 pCi/L
Tritium	-28.4 pCi/L	-28.4 pCi/L
Gross Alpha	0.619 pCi/L	0.619 pCi/L

A summary of the last 36 months of available pollutant data (i.e., October 2022 through October 2025) taken from DMRs shows that the facility experienced several exceedances of permit limit (shown in parenthesis) for E. coli (1), Total Nitrogen (13), TDS (2) and Total Phosphorous (21)

IV. REGULATORY AUTHORITY/PERMIT ACTION

In November 1972, Congress passed the Federal Water Pollution Control Act establishing the NPDES permit program to control water pollution. These amendments established technology-based or end-of-pipe control mechanisms and an interim goal to achieve “water quality which provides for the protection and propagation of fish, shellfish, and wildlife and provides for recreation in and on the water”; more commonly known as the “swimmable, fishable” goal. Further amendments in 1977 of the CWA gave EPA the authority to implement pollution control programs such as setting wastewater standards for industry and established the basic structure for regulating pollutants discharges into the waters of the United States. In addition, it made it unlawful for any person to discharge any pollutant from a point source into navigable waters, unless a permit was obtained under its provisions. Regulations governing the NPDES permit program are generally found at 40 CFR §122 (program requirements & permit conditions), §124 (procedures for decision making), §125 (technology-based standards) and §136 (analytical procedures). Other parts of 40 CFR provide guidance for specific activities and may be used in this document as required.

It is proposed that the permit be reissued for a 5-year term following regulations promulgated at 40 CFR §122.46(a). The previous permit has an expiration date of April 30, 2026. The EPA received the NPDES permit renewal application and addendum on November 14, 2025, and February 12, 2026, respectively. The permit is administratively continued under 5 U.S.C. 558(c) until this draft permit is issued.

V. DRAFT PERMIT RATIONALE AND CONDITIONS

A. OVERVIEW of TECHNOLOGY-BASED VERSUS WATER QUALITY STANDARDS-BASED EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND CONDITIONS

Regulations contained in 40 CFR §122.44 NPDES permit limits are developed that meet the more stringent of either technology-based effluent limitation guidelines, numerical and/or narrative water quality standard-based effluent limits, or the previous permit.

Technology-based effluent limitations are established in the proposed draft permit for TSS and BOD, and percent removal for each. Water quality-based effluent limitations are established in the proposed draft permit for E. coli bacteria, pH, TRC, TDS, nitrogen and phosphorus.

B. TECHNOLOGY-BASED EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS/CONDITIONS

1. General Comments

Regulations promulgated at 40 CFR §122.44 (a) require technology-based effluent limitations to be placed in NPDES permits based on ELGs where applicable, on BPJ in the absence of guidelines, or on a combination of the two. In the absence of promulgated guidelines for the discharge, permit conditions may be established using BPJ procedures.

2. Effluent Limitation Guidelines

The facility is a POTW/POTW-like that has technology-based limits established at 40 CFR Part 133.102 for Secondary Treatment Regulation. Pollutants with limits established in this Chapter are BOD₅, TSS and pH. BOD₅ limits of 30 mg/l for the 30-day average and 45 mg/l for the 7-day average and 85% percent (minimum) removal are found at 40 CFR §133.102(a). TSS limits; also 30 mg/l for the 30-day average and 45 mg/l for the 7-day average, average and 85% percent (minimum) removal are found at 40 CFR §133.102(b). The limit for pH is 6-9 s.u. based on 40 CFR §133.102(c).

Regulations at 40 CFR §122.45(f)(1) require all pollutants limited in permits to have limits expressed in terms of mass such as pounds per day. When determining mass limits for POTWs or similar, the plant’s design flow is used to establish the mass load. Mass limits are determined by the following mathematical relationship:

$$\text{Loading in lbs/day} = \text{pollutant concentration in mg/l} * 8.345 \text{ (lbs)(l)/(mg)(MG)} * \text{design flow in MGD}$$

$$30\text{-day average BOD}_5\text{/TSS loading} = 30 \text{ mg/l} * 8.345 \text{ (lbs)(l)/(mg)(MG)} * 1.2 \text{ MGD} = 300 \text{ lbs/day}$$

$$7\text{-day average BOD}_5\text{/TSS loading} = 45 \text{ mg/l} * 8.345 \text{ (lbs)(l)/(mg)(MG)} * 1.2 \text{ MGD} = 450 \text{ lbs/day}$$

A summary of the technology-based limits for the facility is:

Parameter	30-day Avg, lbs/day, unless noted	7-day Max, lbs/day, unless noted	30-day Avg, mg/l, unless noted	7-day Max, mg/l, unless noted
BOD ₅	300	450	30	45
BOD ₅ , % removal ¹	≥ 85	---	---	---
TSS	300	450	30	45
TSS, % removal ¹	≥ 85	---	---	---
pH	N/A	N/A	6.0 to 9.0 s.u.	6.0 to 9.0 s.u.

¹ % removal is calculated using the following equation: [(average monthly influent concentration – average monthly effluent concentration) ÷ average monthly influent concentration] * 100.

The facility will be required to monitor BOD₅ and TSS influent for use in determining the BOD₅ and TSS removal percentage. The facility shall diligently maintain a log. The permittee is not required to

report BOD₅ and TSS influent data in NetDMR, but the data must be kept at the facility and made available to EPA or its agents upon request.

3. Pretreatment Regulation

The facility has no significant industrial user (SIU). No additional condition is added to this permit draft.

C. WATER QUALITY BASED LIMITATIONS

1. General Comments

Water quality-based requirements are necessary where effluent limits are more stringent than technology-based limits are necessary to maintain or achieve federal or state water quality limits. Under Section 301(b)(1)(C) of the CWA, discharges are subject to effluent limitations based on Federal or State/Tribe WQS. Effluent limitations and/or conditions established in the draft permit are in compliance with applicable State/Tribe WQS and applicable State/Tribe water quality management plans to assure that surface WQS of the receiving waters are protected and maintained or attained.

2. Implementation

The NPDES permits contain technology-based effluent limitations reflecting the best controls available. Where these technology-based permit limits do not protect water quality or the designated uses, additional water quality-based effluent limitations and/or conditions are included in the NPDES permits. State/Tribe narrative and numerical water quality standards are used in conjunction with EPA criterion and other available toxicity information to determine the adequacy of technology-based permit limits and the need for additional water quality-based controls.

3. State Water Quality Standards

The general and specific stream standards are provided in NMWQS (20.6.4 NMAC effective on August 14, 2025). The discharge is to Animas River for about 15 miles before reaching San Juan River (20.6.4.403 NMAC). The discharge is further diluted after mixing with San Juan River and discharge from City of Farmington WWTP; protection of NMWQS is also protective of the Navajo Nation WQS. The designated uses of the receiving waters are public water supply, industrial water supply, irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, cool-water aquatic life, and primary contact.

4. Permit Action - Water Quality-Based Limits

Regulations promulgated at 40 CFR §122.44(d) require limits in addition to, or more stringent than effluent limitation guidelines (technology based). State WQS that are more stringent than effluent limitation guidelines are as follows:

a. pH

For primary contact and cool-water aquatic life, criterion for pH is between 6.6 and 9.0 s.u. pursuant to 20.6.4.900.D and H(4) NMAC. This water-based limitation is more protective than the technology-based limits of 6.0 to 9.0 s.u. The pH limits of 6.6 to 9.0 s.u. and monitoring frequency of daily requirement in the previous permit will be continued in the draft permit.

b. Bacteria

For primary contact, criterion for E. coli bacteria is at 126 cfu (or MPN)/100 ml monthly geometric mean and 410 cfu (or MPN)/100 ml daily maximum pursuant to 20.6.4.900.D NMAC. The results for E. coli may be reported as either colony forming units (CFU) or the most probable number (MPN) depending on the analytical method. The E. coli monthly geometric mean limit of 126 cfu/100 ml and monthly average loading limit of 4.8×10^9 cfu/day (based on the 2013 EPA approved E. coli bacteria TMDL) in the previous permit will be continued in the draft permit.

c. TRC

Criteria for TRC are 19 ug/L (acute) and 11 ug/L (chronic) for protection of aquatic life and wildlife habitat, pursuant to 20.6.4.900.J NMAC. The facility uses a UV system to control bacteria. Chlorine usage may still occur at the facility for various purposes such as disinfection of process equipment and/or algae control. For protection of aquatic life and wildlife habitat designated uses of the receiving waters, EPA proposes to change TRC effluent limitation in the previous permit to 11 ug/L from 19 ug/L. The TRC effluent limit of 11 ug/L in the draft permit is applicable when chlorine is used in the treatment process. If a test result is less than the MQL specified in Part II.A of the permit it can be reported as zero for compliance purposes. TRC reporting shall be the instantaneous maximum grab sample shall be taken during periods of chlorine use and cannot be averaged for reporting purposes. Regulations at 40 CFR §136 define "instantaneous grab" as analyzed within 15 minutes of collection.

d. Toxics

The CWA in Section 301 (b) requires that effluent limitations for point sources include any limitations necessary to meet water quality standards. Federal regulations found at 40 CFR §122.44 (d) state that if a discharge poses the reasonable potential to cause an in-stream excursion above a water quality criterion, the permit must contain an effluent limit for that pollutant.

All applicable facilities are required to fill out appropriate sections of the Form 2A and 2S, to apply for an NPDES permit or reissuance of an NPDES permit. The new form is applicable not only to POTWs, but also to facilities that are like POTWs, but which do not meet the regulatory definition of "publicly owned treatment works" (like private domestics, or similar facilities on Federal property). The forms were designed and promulgated to "make it easier for permit applicants to provide the necessary information with their applications and minimize the need for additional follow-up requests from permitting authorities," per the summary statement in the preamble to the Rule. These forms became effective December 1, 1999, after publication of the final rule on August 4, 1999, Volume 64, Number 149, pages 42433 through 42527 of the Federal Register.

Based on the NMIP as of March 15, 2012, EPA conducted an RP screening analysis using submitted data listed in the Section IV "Effluent Characteristics" to determine if RP to cause or contribute to the State WQS exceedances exists. If RP exists, appropriate limits needed to be protective of such designated uses will be established in the draft permit as required by 40 CFR 122.44(d)(1)(iii). The receiving stream ambient hardness value of 140.58 mg/L was used in the screening for any hardness-dependent WQS. The results are shown in Appendix 2 there were no pollutants that demonstrated RP to violate WQS consistently with the designated uses for the receiving water.

In the previous permit, the permittee did not demonstrate compliance with the SSM requirement per 40 CFR 122.21(e)(3) for Methylmercury, Benzidine and Hexachlorobenzene. During the previous public comment period, the permittee did not submit additional tests meeting the SSM requirement for these monitored parameters. The EPA required these parameters to be monitored at the frequency of once per six months in the previous permit. The DMR shows that these parameters were not detected in the effluent last 5 years. The EPA proposes to remove monitoring requirements for these parameters in the draft permit. Removing monitoring requirement for mentioned parameters does not violate the anti-backsliding regulation mentioned below because there is now new information that was not available during the previous permit renewal process.

e. DO

The State of New Mexico WQS criterion applicable to the marginal coldwater aquatic life designated use is at least 6 mg/L for dissolved oxygen. As a part of the permitting process, EPA used the LA-QUAL water quality model, which is a steady-state one-dimensional model which assumes complete mixing within each modeled element, to develop permit parameters for the protection of the State of New Mexico surface water WQS for DO (i.e., 6 mg/L). Primarily based on the City of Aztec Wastewater Treatment Plant's design flow and the critical flow of the receiving water, various BOD₅ factors including BOD₅ Secondary Treatment Standards were considered and simulated to achieve the DO criterion. A complete characterization of Animas River (i.e., water quality and hydrodynamic data) was not available. Where data were not available, estimates and assumptions are made. The following is a summary of model inputs.

City of Aztec Wastewater Treatment Plant's design flow is 0.052 m³/sec (1.86 cfs). The discharge location provided in the permit application is located at Latitude 36° 49' 07" N (36.818), and Longitude 108° 01' 24" W (108.023). Other effluent parameters applied in the model include BOD₅/CBOD₅/Ultimate/COD (Max: 45 mg/L and Avg: 30 mg/L), DO (Avg: 8.97mg/L), ammonia (as N) (Avg: 2.15 mg/L), phosphorous (Avg: 0.05 mg/L), Fecal coliform (Avg: 11 cfu/100mL), Nitrate nitrogen (Avg: 4.82 mg/L), and summer effluent temperature (Avg: 21.9 °C). Ambient data provided by NMED was also applied in the modeling analysis. These include critical low flow of 4.554 m³/sec (160.84 ft³/sec), DO (Avg: 9.53 mg/L), salinity (Avg: 0.2 ppt), temperature (Avg: 12.9 °C), Nitrate (Avg: 0.09 mg/L), E. coli (Avg: 94.07 cfu/100mL), and Phosphorous (Avg: 0.04 mg/L).

The EPA used New Mexico's OpenEnviro Map to estimate the average elevation of the study area, the studied receiving stream segment length and average width of Animas River. The average elevation is approximately 1691 meter (5550 feet). The average receiving stream depth of 3 feet (1 meters) and width of 60 feet (20 meters) beyond the outfall was assumed. The studied Animas River segment length is approximately 16.8 miles (27 kilometers).

The model results show no excursion of the receiving stream DO standard of 6 mg/L when the BOD₅ limits of 30 mg/l for monthly average and 45 mg/l for 7-day maxima were applied (See Appendix 3). EPA establishes the water-based limits for BOD₅ of 30 mg/L (for monthly average) and 45 mg/L (for 7-day maxima) along with the corresponding loads in the draft permit.

The model results are based on the assumptions and default values as explained and presented above. Should these conditions change, the model should be updated to provide a more accurate assessment of the water quality within the receiving waterbody.

f. Colorado River Salinity Control Program

The 20.6.4.54 NMAC states, ‘For the tributaries of the Colorado river system, the state of New Mexico will cooperate with the Colorado River Basin states and the federal government to support and implement the salinity policy and program outlined in the most current “review, water quality standards for salinity, Colorado river system” or equivalent report by the Colorado river salinity control forum.’ The most updated version found is 2023 Review. The incremental increase in salinity must be 400 mg/L or less, which is the same previous limit. Limit for TDS in the previous permit will be continued in the draft permit.

g. Nutrients

Since the DMR shows that the facility experienced exceedances of permit limits for total phosphorus and total nitrogen during the last permit term, limits for total nitrogen and phosphorus are retained in the permit draft.

h. Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

The EPA currently has no data indicating that PFAS is present in the City of Aztec WWTF discharge. There are no industrial users of the system expected to contribute PFAS into the collection system. The standard reopener language in the permit allows additional permit conditions if warranted by future changes in the listing of receiving waterbody segment (i.e., PFAS) and/or new TMDLs. As explained at <https://www.epa.gov/pfas>, PFAS are a group of synthetic chemicals that have been in use since the 1940s. PFAS are found in a wide array of consumer and industrial products. PFAS manufacturing and processing facilities, facilities using PFAS in production of other products, airports, and military installations can be contributors of PFAS releases into the air, soil, and water. Due to their widespread use and persistence in the environment, most people in the United States have been exposed to PFAS. Exposure to some PFAS above certain levels may increase risk of adverse health effects (EPA’s Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Action Plan, EPA 823R18004, February 2019). The EPA is collecting information to evaluate the potential impacts that discharges of PFAS from wastewater treatment plants may have on downstream drinking water, recreational and aquatic life uses.

Although the New Mexico Water Quality Standards do not include numeric criteria for PFAS, the 2022 New Mexico Water Quality Standards narrative criterion supply guidance including:

20.6.4.7I(2) NMAC states: “**Emerging contaminants**” refer to water contaminants that may cause significant ecological or human health effects at low concentrations. Emerging contaminants are generally chemical compounds recognized as having deleterious effects at environmental concentrations whose negative impacts have not been fully quantified and may not have regulatory numeric criteria.

20.6.4.7(T)(2) NMAC states: “**Toxic pollutant**” means those pollutants, or combination of pollutants, including disease-causing agents, that after discharge and upon exposure, ingestion, inhalation or assimilation into any organism, either directly from the environment or indirectly by ingestion through food chains, will cause death, shortened life spans, disease, adverse behavioral changes, reproductive or physiological impairment or physical deformations in such organisms or their offspring.

Since PFAS chemicals are persistent in the environment and may lead to adverse human health and environmental effects, the draft permit requires that the facilities conduct influent, effluent, and sludge sampling for PFAS according to the frequency outlined in the permit.

The purpose of this monitoring and reporting requirement is to better understand potential discharges of PFAS from this facility and to inform future permitting decisions, including the potential development of water quality-based effluent limits on a facility-specific basis. EPA is authorized to require this monitoring and reporting by CWA § 308(a), which states:

“SEC. 308. (a) Whenever required to carry out the objective of this Act, including but not limited to (1) developing or assisting in the development of any effluent limitation, or other limitation, prohibition, or effluent standard, pretreatment standard, or standard of performance under this Act; (2) determining whether any person is in violation of any such effluent limitation, or other limitation, prohibition or effluent standard, pretreatment standard, or standard of performance; (3) any requirement established under this section; or (4) carrying out sections 305, 311, 402, 404 (relating to State permit programs), 405, and 504 of this Act—

(A) the Administrator shall require the owner or operator of any point source to (i) establish and maintain such records, (ii) make such reports, (iii) install, use, and maintain such monitoring equipment or methods (including where appropriate, biological monitoring methods), (iv) sample such effluents (in accordance with such methods, at such locations, at such intervals, and in such manner as the Administrator shall prescribe), and (v) provide such other information as he may reasonably require;”.

The EPA notes that there is currently no analytical method approved in 40 CFR Part 136 for PFAS. As stated in 40 CFR § 122.44(i)(1)(iv)(B), in the case of pollutants or pollutant parameters for which there are no approved methods under 40 CFR Part 136 or methods are not otherwise required under 40 CFR chapter I, subchapter N or O, monitoring shall be conducted according to a test procedure specified in the permit for such pollutants or pollutant parameters. Therefore, draft permit specifies that until there is an analytical method approved in 40 CFR Part 136 for PFAS, monitoring shall be conducted using Method 1633. The Adsorbable Organic Fluorine CWA wastewater method 1621 can be used in conjunction with Method 1633, if appropriate.

The EPA has included PFAS monitoring in the draft permit using analytical Method 1633 (see <https://www.epa.gov/cwa-methods/cwa-analytical-methods-and-polyfluorinated-alkyl-substances-pfas> for more information). Table 5 lists Region 6 recommended PFAS monitoring frequencies for different facility types.

Table 5: Region 6 Recommended Monitoring Frequencies

Facility Type ^{1,2}	Measurement Frequency
Minor (< 0.1 MGD)	Once/Term
Minor (0.1 < 1.0 MGD) ^{2,3}	3/Term
Major (if NOT in an applicable category) ²	Once/6 Months
Major (if IS in an applicable category) ²	Quarterly
Major (with required pretreatment OR discharge is > 5 MGD)	Quarterly

Footnotes:

1. These recommended frequencies are only for facilities where an applicable ELG for PFAS does not apply. These frequencies may be altered if an industry category is known or suspected to discharge PFAS or based on the permit writer’s BPJ.
2. More information on PFAS is available at <https://www.epa.gov/pfas>.
3. PFAS samples must be collected and analyzed in three separate calendar years

There are currently no applicable Federal and/or State/Tribe surface water quality standards for PFAS. EPA proposes to monitor the PFAS pollutants in the influent, effluent and sewage sludge at once every 6 months based on the plant design flow in order to gather information on the presence or absence of PFAS in the discharge.

D. Monitoring Frequency for Limited Parameters

Regulations require permits to establish monitoring requirements to yield data representative of the monitored activity, 40 CFR §122.48(b), and to assure compliance with permit limitations, 40 CFR §122.44(i)(1). EPA established the monitoring frequency based on Table 9 (page 34 of the NMIP) for design flow between 1.0 and 5.0 MGD and history compliance.

Parameter	Frequency	Sample Type
Flow	Daily	Totalized Meter
pH	Daily	Instantaneous Grab
BOD ₅	1/week	6-hr Composite
TSS	1/week	6-hr Composite
% Removal	1/month	Calculation
TRC*	Daily	Instantaneous Grab
E. coli Bacteria	1/week	Grab
Total Phosphorus	2/month	6-hr Composite
Total Nitrogen	2/month	6-hr Composite
TDS	1/month	6-hr Composite
Toxics	1/six months	Grab

* When chlorine is used in the treatment process, including cleaning treatment units.

E. WHOLE EFFLUENT TOXICITY

Procedures for implementing WET terms and conditions in NPDES permits are contained in the NMIP. Table 11 (page 42) of the NMIP outlines the type of WET testing for different types of discharges. Analysis of the facility past WET data to determine RP was conducted and shown in the Appendix 4. The results show no reasonable potential. The EPA concludes that based on the passed WET tests and the Reasonable Potential Analyzer, reasonable potential to cause toxicity does not exist. The draft permit will not propose any WET limits. However, continuation of WET monitoring is proposed in the draft permit. The WET test requirement in the previous permit will be continued in the draft permit. The permittee shall continue to conduct a Static Renewal 48-hour Acute WET test once per quarter using *Daphnia pulex* and *Pimephales promelas*. The receiving water (Animas River), a perennial stream has a 4Q3 of 160.84 cfs (103.95 MGD). With the facility design flow rate of 1.2 MGD and mixing fraction of 100%, a CD is calculated about 1.154%. Because the critical dilution is below 10%, an acute-to-chronic ratio of 10:1 is used to allow acute WET testing instead of chronic WET testing, at a critical dilution of 12%.

The proposed permit requires five (5) dilutions in addition to the control (0% effluent) to be used in the toxicity tests based on a 0.75 dilution series. These additional effluent concentrations must be 5%, 7%, 9%, 12%, 16%. The low-flow effluent concentration (critical low-flow dilution) is defined as 12% effluent. The permittee shall limit and monitor discharge(s) as specified below:

WET Testing (48-hr Static Renewal) ¹	VALUE	Frequency	Type
<i>Daphnia pulex</i>	Report	Once/Quarter	6-hr Composite ²
<i>Pimephales promelas</i>	Report	Once/Quarter	6-hr Composite ²

¹ Monitoring and reporting requirements begin on the effective date of this permit. See Part II of the permit, Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing Requirements for additional WET monitoring and reporting conditions. EPA outlines steps for retesting/TRE since the facility has quarterly testing.

² To be consistent to other comparable parameters.

VI. TMDL REQUIREMENTS

The receiving water segment 20.6.4.403 NMAC (San Juan River) has been listed in the 303(d) list of impaired waters. Designated uses of coolwater aquatic life and primary contact are not supporting. This facility is still subject to the 2013 EPA-approved TMDL for E. coli and 2006 EPA-approved TMDL for nutrients. Limits for E. coli in this TMDL are 126 cfu/100 ml and 4.8×10^9 cfu/day. Limits for nutrients and E. coli are retained in this permit draft since the same TMDLs were used to establish the limits previously. Unit cfu or MPN can be used for E. coli bacteria. The permit has a standard reopener clause that would allow the permit to be changed if at a later date additional requirements on new or revised TMDLs are completed.

VII. ANTIDegradation

The NMAC, Section 20.6.4.8 “Antidegradation Policy and Implementation Plan” sets forth the requirements to protect designated uses through implementation of the State water quality standards. The limitations and monitoring requirements set forth in the proposed permit are developed from the State water quality standards and are protective of those designated uses. Furthermore, the policy sets forth the intent to protect the existing quality of those waters, whose quality exceeds their designated use. The permit requirements and the limits are protective of the assimilative capacity of the receiving water, which is protective of the designated uses of that water, NMAC Section 20.6.4.8.A.2.

VIII. ANTIBACKSLIDING

The proposed permit is consistent with the requirements to meet Anti-backsliding provisions of the Clean Water Act, Section 402(o) and 40 CFR 122.44(l)(2)(i)(B), which state in part that interim or final effluent limitations must be as stringent as those in the previous permit, unless information is available which was not available at the time of permit issuance. No draft permit conditions are less stringent than the previous one.

IX. ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSIDERATIONS

According to the most recent county listing available at US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Southwest Region 2 website, <https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/report/species-listings-by-current-range-county?fips=35045>, there are 13 species in San Juan County are listed as endangered I or threatened (T). Thirteen species include Mexican wolf I, Yellow-billed Cuckoo (T), Razorback sucker I, Zuni bluehead sucker I, New Mexico meadow jumping mouse I, Colorado pikeminnow I, Mesa Verde cactus (T), Southwestern willow flycatcher I, Knowlton’s cactus I, Silverspot (T), Mancos milk-vetch I, Mexican spotted owl (T), and Zuni fleabane (T).

In accordance with requirements under section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act, EPA has reviewed this permit for its effect on listed threatened and endangered species and designated critical habitat. After review, EPA has no information determining that the reissuance of this permit will have “effect” on listed threatened and endangered species nor will adversely modify designated critical habitat. EPA makes this determination based on the following:

1. In the previous permit issued March 25, 2021, EPA made a “no effect” determination for federally listed species mentioned above except for New Mexico meadow jumping mouse, Silverspot, Mexican spotted owl, and Zuni fleabane. The EPA has received no additional information since then which would lead to a revision of that “no effect” determination. The EPA determines that this reissuance will not change the environmental baseline established by the previous permit, and therefore, EPA concludes that reissuance of this permit will have “no effect” on the listed species and designated critical habitat.
2. The Silverspot is a relatively large butterfly with up to a 3-inch wingspan. Males typically have bright orange on the upper side of the wing, while females typically have cream or light yellow with brown or black. The underside of the wing of both sexes has silvery-white spots, giving the subspecies’ the common name of Silverspot butterfly. Population of Silverspot occurs between 5,200 feet (ft) (1,585 m) and 8,300 ft (2,530 m). The butterfly requires moist habitats in mostly open meadows with a variety of herbaceous and woody vegetation. Eggs are laid on or near the bog violet (*Viola nephrophylla*/*V. sororia* var. *affinis*), which the larvae feed on exclusively. A variety of flowering plants provide adult nectar sources. The butterfly completes its entire life cycle in one year. Habitat loss and fragmentation, human-caused hydrologic alteration (i.e., diversions for agricultural and domestic use; erosion and stream channel incision caused by livestock grazing, mining, roads, or dredging and filling of wetlands; removal of beaver dams; manipulation of waterways that minimizes flooding and reduces natural meander features; and creation and operation of large human-made dams), livestock grazing, genetic isolation, exotic plant invasion, climate change, climate events, larval desiccation, and collecting are all factors that influence or could influence the subspecies’ viability. The draft permit does not authorize activities that may cause destruction of the Silverspot habitat, and issuance of the permit will have no effect on this species.
3. New Mexico meadow jumping mouse: The jumping mouse is a small, nocturnal, solitary mammal and an obligate riparian subspecies. Its historical distribution likely included riparian wetlands along streams in the Sangre de Cristo and San Juan Mountains from southern Colorado to central New Mexico, including the Jemez and Sacramento Mountains and the Rio Grande Valley from Española to Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge, and into parts of the White Mountains in eastern Arizona. Ongoing and future habitat loss is expected to result in additional extirpation of more populations. Research indicates that the primary sources of past and future habitat losses are from grazing pressure (which removes the needed vegetation) and water management and use (which causes vegetation loss from mowing and drying of soil), lack of water due to drought (exacerbated by climate change), and wildfires (also exacerbated by climate change). Additional sources of habitat loss are likely to occur from scouring floods, loss of beaver ponds, highway reconstruction, coal-bed methane development, and unregulated recreation. The permit does not authorize activities that may cause destruction of the New Mexico Meadow Jumping Mouse habitat, and issuance of the permit will have no effect on this species.
4. Mexican spotted owl: Unlike most owls, Mexican spotted owls have dark eyes. They are an ashy-chestnut brown color with white and brown spots on their abdomen, back and head. Their brown tails are marked with thin white bands. They lack ear tufts. Young owls less than 5

months old have a downy appearance. Females are larger than males. The primary threats to its population in the U.S. (but likely not in Mexico) have transitioned from timber harvest to an increased risk of stand-replacing wildland fire. Recent forest management now emphasizes sustainable ecological function and a return toward pre-settlement fire regimes, both of which are more compatible with maintenance of spotted owl habitat conditions than the even-aged management regime practiced at the time of listing. The permit does not authorize activities that may cause destruction of the Mexican spotted owl habitat, and issuance of the permit will have no effect on this species.

5. Zuni fleabane: All known Zuni fleabane population sites occur on public lands. The known sites occur on lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service in the Cibola National Forest and Bureau of Land Management. Zuni fleabane is threatened by modification of its habitat due to mineral exploration and development. The distribution of Zuni fleabane is geologically associated with the distribution of uranium deposits in west-central New Mexico. Any significant development of these deposits would seriously jeopardize the Zuni fleabane. In addition, off-road vehicles activities are becoming increasingly more popular and a potential threat to the fragile habitat of this species. The permit does not authorize activities that may cause destruction of the Zuni fleabane habitat, and issuance of the permit will have no effect on this species.

X. HISTORICAL and ARCHEOLOGICAL PRESERVATION CONSIDERATIONS

The reissuance of the permit should have no impact on historical and/or archeological sites since no new construction activities are planned in the reissuance.

XI. PERMIT REOPENER

The permit may be reopened and modified during the life of the permit if NMWQS are promulgated or revised. In addition, if the State develops a TMDL, this permit may be reopened to establish effluent limitations for the parameter(s) to be consistent with that TMDL. Modification of the permit is subject to the provisions of 40 CFR §124.5.

XII. VARIANCE REQUESTS

None

XIII. CERTIFICATION

The permit is in the process of certification by the State Agency following regulations promulgated at 40 CFR 124.53. A draft permit and draft public notice will be sent to the District Engineer of COE, to the Regional Director of FWS and to the National Marine Fisheries Service prior to the publication of that notice.

XIV. FINAL DETERMINATION

The public notice describes the procedures for the formulation of final determinations.

XV. ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

The following information was used to develop the draft permit:

2023. APPLICATION(s)

EPA Application Forms 2A and 2S dated November 14, 2025; additional information received on February 12, 2026

B. 40 CFR CITATIONS

Sections 122, 124, 125, 133, 136, 434

C. STATE OF NEW MEXICO REFERENCES

New Mexico State Standards for Interstate and Intrastate Surface Water, 20.6.4 NMAC, effective on August 14, 2025.

State of New Mexico 303(d) List for Assessed Stream and River Reaches, 2024-2026

TMDL For the San Juan River Watershed (Part II), January 17, 2006

TMDL For the Animas River Watershed [San Juan River to Southern Ute Indian Tribe Boundary], September 30, 2013

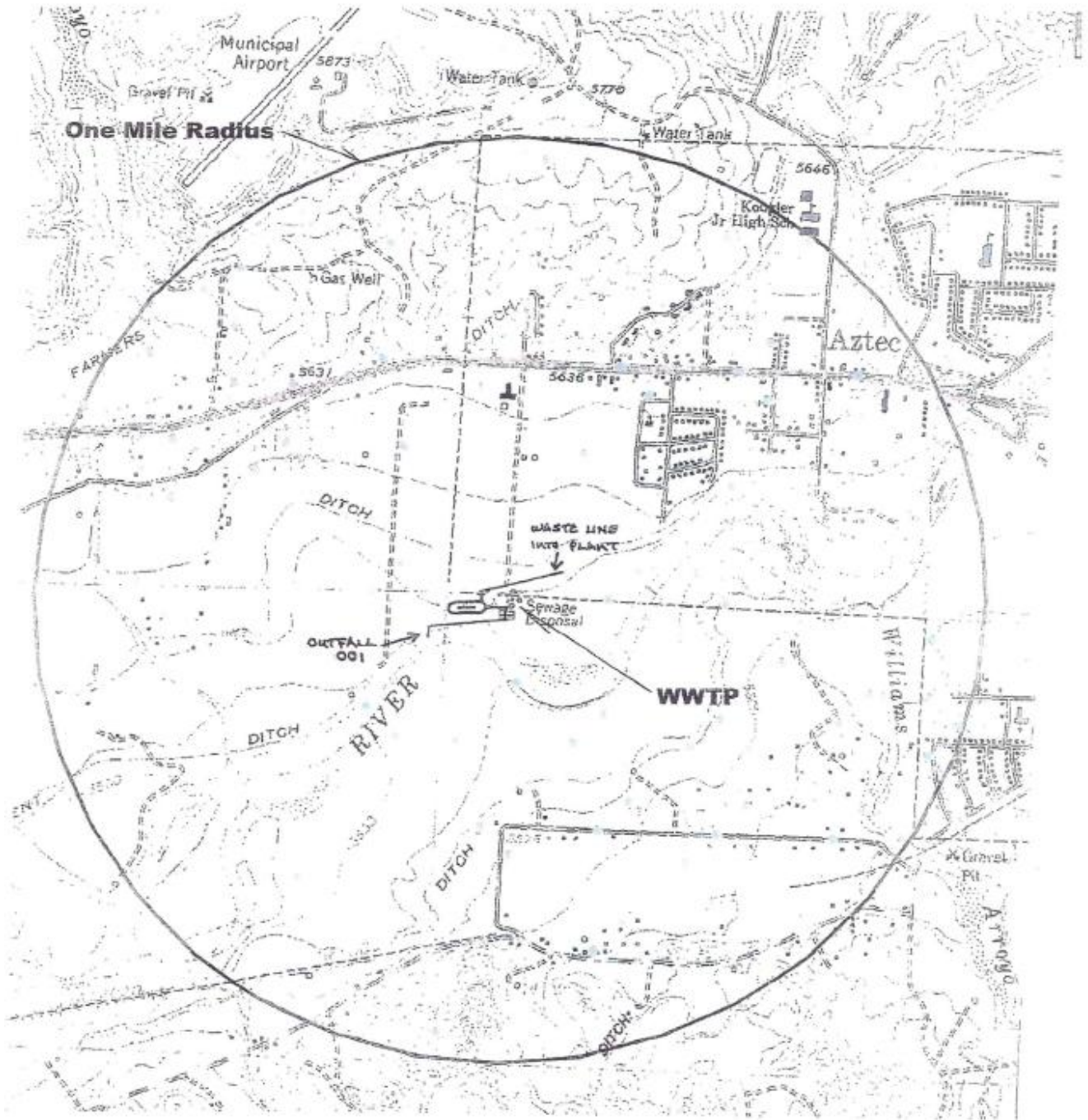
D. MISCELLANEOUS

Procedures for Implementing National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permits in New Mexico – NMIP, March 15, 2012.

2023 Review Water Quality Standards for Salinity Colorado River System, October 2023

Appendix 1

Location Map and Existing Wells



Appendix 2

CALCULATIONS OF NEW MEXICO WATER QUALITY-BASED EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS			
NMAC 20.6.4. NMWQS as of 2023 (EPA Approved January 19, 2023)			
Calculations Specifications:	Excel	Revised as of February 2023	
Prepared By:	Quang Nguyen	25-Feb-26	2:07 PM
STEP 1:	REFERENCE IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES	APPENDIX A	
	INPUT FACILITY AND RECEIVING STREAM DATA	of FACT SHEET	
	LIST SOURCE OF DATA INPUT		
IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES			
The State of New Mexico Standards for Interstate and Intrastate Surface Waters are implemented in this spread sheet by using procedures established in the current "Procedures for Implementing NPDES Permits in New Mexico"			
FACILITY		DATA INPUT	
Permittee	City of Aztec WWTP		
NPDES Permit No.	NM0020168		
Outfall No.(s)	1		
Plant Effluent Flow (MGD)	1.2	For industrial and federal facility, use the highest monthly average flow	
Plant Effluent Flow (cfs)	1.86	for the past 24 months. For POTWs, use the design flow .	
RECEIVING STREAM		DATA INPUT	
Receiving Stream Name	Animas River		
Basin Name	San Juan River		
Waterbody Segment Code No.	20.6.4.403		
Is a publicly owned lake or reservoir (enter "1" if it's a lake, "0" if not)	0		
Are acute aquatic life criteria considered (1= yes, 0=no)	1		
Are chronic aquatic life criteria considered (1= yes, 0=no)	1		
Are domestic water supply criteria considered (1= yes, 0=no)	0		
Are irrigation water supply criteria considered (1= yes, 0=no)	1		
Livestock watering and wildlife habitat criteria applied to all streams			
USGS Flow Station	9363500		
WQ Monitoring Station No.	Animas River above Estes Arroyo - 66Animas028.1		
Receiving Stream TSS (mg/l)	42.5	For intermittent stream, enter effluent TSS	
Receiving Stream Hardness (mg/l as CaCO ₃)	RANGE: 0 - 400 140.58	For intermittent stream, enter effluent Hardness (if no data, 20 mg/l is used)	
Receiving Stream Critical Low Flow (4Q3) (cfs)	160.84	Enter "0" for intermittent stream and lake.	
Receiving Stream Harmonic Mean Flow (cfs)	383.03	Enter harmonic mean or modified harmonic mean flow data or 0.001 if no data is available	
Avg. Receiving Water Temperature (C)	12.5		
pH (Avg), Receiving Stream	8.24		
Fraction of stream allowed for mixing (F)	1	Enter 1, if stream morphology data is not available or for intermittent streams.	
Fraction of Critical Low Flow	160.84		

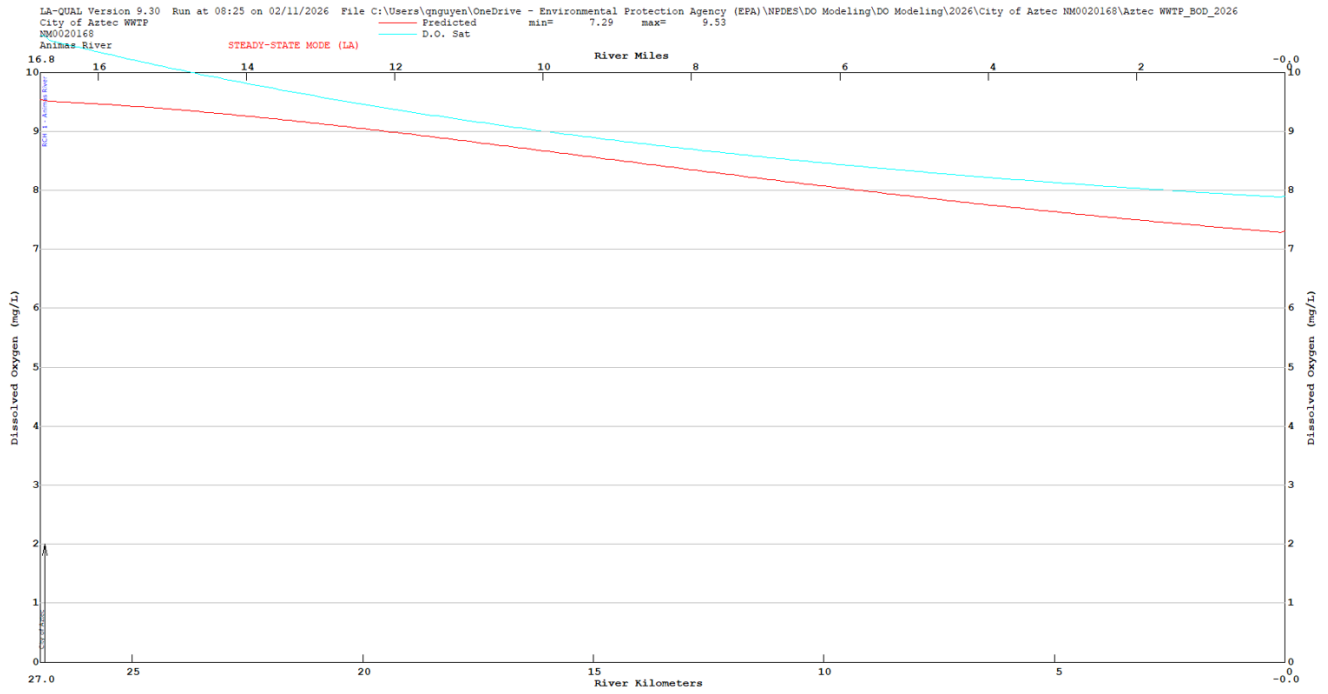
STEP 2: INPUT AMBIENT AND EFFLUENT DATA											
CALCULATE IN-STREAM WASTE CONCENTRATIONS											
DATA INPUT		Input pollutant geometric mean concentration as micro-gram per liter (ug/l or ppb) unless other unit is specified for the parameter. Effluent value reported as "< detection level" (DL) but the DL is greater than MQL, input "1/2 DL" for calculation. Effluent value reported as "< detection level" (DL) and the DL is smaller than MQL, no data is inputted. If a less than MQL value is reported, input either the reported value or "0" for calculation.									
		The following formular is used to calculate the Instream Waste Concentration (Cd) See the current "Procedures for Implementing NPDES Permits in New Mexico" $Cd = [(F*Qa*Ca) + (Qe^2.13*Ce)] / (F*Qa + Qe)$ Where: Cd = Instream Waste Concentration F = Fraction of stream allowed for mixing (see "Procedures for Implementing NPDES Permits in New Mexico") Ce = Reported concentration in effluent Ca = Ambient stream concentration upstream of discharge Qe = Plant effluent flow Qa = Critical low flow of stream at discharge point expressed as the 4Q3 or harmonic mean flow for human health criteria									
		The following formular convert metals reported in total form to dissolved form if criteria are in dissolved form See the current "Procedures for Implementing NPDES Permits in New Mexico" $Kp = Kpo * (TSS^a)$ $C/Ct = 1 / (1 + Kp * TSS * 10^{-6})$ $Total\ Metal\ Criteria\ (Ct) = Cr / (C/Ct)$ Kp = Linear partition coefficient; Kpo and a can be found in table below TSS = Total suspended solids concentration found in receiving stream (or in effluent for intermittent stream) C/Ct = Fraction of metal dissolved; and Cr = Dissolved criteria value									
		Stream Linear Partition Coefficient					Lake Linear Partition Coefficient				
Total Metals	Total Value	Kpo	alpha (a)	Kp	C/Ct	Dissolved Value in Stream	Kpo	alpha (a)	Kp	C/Ct	Dissolved Value in Lake
Arsenic	0.5	480000	-0.73	31082.59849	0.430846835	0.21542342	480000	-0.73	31082.59849	0.430846835	0.2154234
Chromium III		3360000	-0.93	102786.8537	0.186273808	0	2170000	-0.27	788487.3365	0.02897651	0
Copper	2.7	1040000	-0.74	64867.25662	0.266179848	0.71868559	2850000	-0.9	97565.1739	0.194306059	0.5246264
Lead	0.12	2800000	-0.8	139459.1094	0.144362386	0.01732349	2040000	-0.53	279630.175	0.077613946	0.0093137
Nickel	2	490000	-0.57	57811.52023	0.289269021	0.57853804	2210000	-0.76	127884.1399	0.155398321	0.3107966
Silver	0	2390000	-1.03	50252.45727	0.318905065	0	2390000	-1.03	50252.45727	0.318905065	0
Zinc	16	1250000	-0.7	90581.13579	0.206198395	3.29917432	3340000	-0.68	260880.726	0.082730566	1.3236891
		The following formular is used to calculate hardness dependent criteria					Dissolved				
		(Please refer to State Water Quality Standards for details)					WQC (ug/l)				
Aluminum (T)		Acute				$e(1.3695[\ln(\text{hardness})]+1.8308)$	5453.654538				If Stream pH < 6.5, enter 750 in cell O114
		Chronic				$e(1.3695[\ln(\text{hardness})]+0.9161)$	2184.934698				If Stream pH < 6.5, enter 87 in cell P114
Cadmium (D)		Acute				$e(0.8968[\ln(\text{hardness})]-3.5699)*CF1$	2.209207063				CF1 = 1.136672 - 0.041838*ln(hardness)
		Chronic				$e(0.7647[\ln(\text{hardness})]-4.2180)*CF2$	0.57858211				CF2 = 1.101672 - 0.041838*ln(hardness)

POLLUTANTS	CAS No.	MQL	Instream Waste Concentration											Need		
			Ambient	Effluent	Acute		Domestic	Chronic	Human	Domestic	Irrigation	Livestock&	Acute		Chronic	Human
			Conc	Conc.	Aquatic	Supply	Aquatic	Health	Criteria	Criteria	Wildlife	Aquatic	Aquatic		Health	TMDL
		Ca (ug/l)	Ce (ug/l)	2.13*Ce	Cd.dom (ug/l)	Cd (ug/l)	Cd.hh (ug/l)	ug/l	ug/l	ug/l	ug/l	ug/l	ug/l	ug/l		
Mercury, dissolved	7439-97-6	0.005			0	0	0	0	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1.4	0.77	1E+100	NA	
Mercury, total	7439-97-6	0.005		0.00091	0.0019383	2.2159E-05	2.2159E-05	9.3669E-06	2	1E+100	0.77	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	NA	
Molybdenum, dissolved	7439-98-7				0	0	0	0	1E+100	1000	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	NA	
Molybdenum, total recoverable	7439-98-7				0	0	0	0	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	7920	1895	1E+100	NA	
Nickel, dissolved (P)	7440-02-0	0.5		0.578538042	1.232286029	0.0140876	0.0140876	0.00595508	700	1E+100	1E+100	624.6085315	69.374724	4600	NA	
Selenium, dissolved (P)	7782-49-2	5			0	0	0	0	50	130	50	1E+100	1E+100	4200	NA	
Selenium, dis (SO4 >500 mg/l)		5			0	0	0	0	50	250	50	1E+100	1E+100	4200	NA	
Selenium, total recoverable	7782-49-2	5			0	0	0	0	1E+100	1E+100	5	20	5	1E+100	NA	
Silver, dissolved	7440-22-4	0.5		0	0	0	0	0	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	5.778921259	1E+100	1E+100	NA	
Thallium, dissolved (P)	7440-28-0	0.5			0	0	0	0	2	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	0.47	NA	
Zinc, dissolved	7440-66-6	20		3.299174321	7.027241303	0.08033601	0.08033601	0.03395949	10500	2000	25000	218.097834	165.24622	26000	NA	
Cyanide, total recoverable	57-12-5	10			0	0	0	0	200	1E+100	5.2	22	5.2	140	NA	
Dioxin	1746-01-6	0.00001			0	0	0	0	3.00E-05	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	5.1E-08	NA	
VOLATILE COMPOUNDS																
Acrolein	107-02-8	50			0	0	0	0	18	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	400	NA	
Acrylonitrile	107-13-0	20			0	0	0	0	0.65	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	70	NA	
Benzene	71-43-2	10			0	0	0	0	5	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	160	NA	
Bromoform	75-25-2	10			0	0	0	0	44	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1200	NA	
Carbon Tetrachloride	56-23-5	2			0	0	0	0	5	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	50	NA	
Chlorobenzene	108-90-7	10			0	0	0	0	100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	800	NA	
Chlorodibromomethane	124-48-1	10			0	0	0	0	4.2	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	210	NA	
Chloroform	67-66-3	50			0	0	0	0	57	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	2000	NA	
Dichlorobromomethane	75-27-4	10			0	0	0	0	5.6	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	270	NA	
1,2-Dichloroethane	107-06-2	10			0	0	0	0	5	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	6500	NA	
1,1-Dichloroethylene	75-35-4	10			0	0	0	0	7	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	20000	NA	
1,2-Dichloropropane	78-87-5	10			0	0	0	0	5	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	310	NA	
1,3-Dichloropropylene	542-75-6	10			0	0	0	0	3.5	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	120	NA	
Ethylbenzene	100-41-4	10			0	0	0	0	700	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	130	NA	
Methyl Bromide	74-83-9	50			0	0	0	0	49	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	10000	NA	
Methylene Chloride	75-09-2	20			0	0	0	0	5	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	10000	NA	
1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene	95-94-3				0	0	0	0	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	0.03	NA	
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	79-34-5	10			0	0	0	0	1.8	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	30	NA	
Tetrachloroethylene	127-18-4	10			0	0	0	0	5	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	290	NA	
Toluene	108-88-3	10			0	0	0	0	1000	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	520	NA	
1,2-trans-Dichloroethylene	156-60-5	10			0	0	0	0	100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	4000	NA	
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	71-55-6				0	0	0	0	200	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	200000	NA	
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	79-00-5	10			0	0	0	0	5	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	89	NA	
Trichloroethylene	79-01-6	10			0	0	0	0	5	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	70	NA	
Vinyl Chloride	75-01-4	10			0	0	0	0	2	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	16	NA	
ACID COMPOUNDS																
2-Chlorophenol	95-57-8	10			0	0	0	0	175	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	800	NA	
2,4-Dichlorophenol	120-83-2	10			0	0	0	0	105	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	60	NA	
2,4-Dimethylphenol	105-67-9	10			0	0	0	0	700	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	3000	NA	
3-Methyl-4-chlorophenol	59-50-7				0	0	0	0	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	2000	NA	
2-Methyl-4,6-dinitrophenol	534-52-1	50			0	0	0	0	14	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	30	NA	

POLLUTANTS	CAS No.	MQL	Instream Waste Concentration													Need		
			Ambient	Effluent	Acute			Domestic		Chronic	Human	Domestic	Irrigation	Livestock&	Acute		Chronic	Human
			Conc	Conc.	Aquatic	Supply	Aquatic	Health	Criteria	Criteria	Criteria	Criteria	Criteria	Criteria	Criteria		Criteria	Criteria
Ca (ug/l)	Ce (ug/l)	2.13*Ce	Cd,dom (ug/l)	Cd (ug/l)	Cd,hh (ug/l)	ug/l	ug/l	ug/l	ug/l	ug/l	ug/l	ug/l	ug/l	ug/l	ug/l			
2,4-Dinitrophenol	51-28-5	50			0	0	0	0	0	70	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	300	NA		
Pentachlorophenol	87-86-5	50			0	0	0	0	0	1	1E+100	1E+100	19	15	30	NA		
Phenol	108-95-2	10			0	0	0	0	0	10500	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	860000	NA		
2,4,5-Trichlorophenol	95-95-4				0	0	0	0	0	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	600	NA		
2,4,6-Trichlorophenol	88-06-2	10			0	0	0	0	0	32	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	28	NA		
2-(2,4,5Trichlorophenoxy)propionic acid (Silvex)					0	0	0	0	0	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	400	NA		
BASE/NEUTRAL																		
Acenaphthene	83-32-9	10			0	0	0	0	0	2100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	90	NA		
Anthracene	120-12-7	10			0	0	0	0	0	10500	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	400	NA		
Benazidene	92-87-5	50		0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0015	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	0.11	NA		
Benzo(a)anthracene	56-55-3	5		0.013	0.02769	0.00031655	0.00031655	0.00013381	0.048	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	0.013	NA		
Benzo(a)pyrene	50-32-8	5			0	0	0	0	0	0.2	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	0.0013	NA		
3,4-Benzofluoranthene	205-99-2	10			0	0	0	0	0	0.048	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	0.0013	NA		
Benzo(k)fluoranthene	207-08-9	5			0	0	0	0	0	0.048	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	0.13	NA		
Bis(2-chloroethyl)Ether	111-44-4	10			0	0	0	0	0	0.3	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	22	NA		
Bis(2-chloro-1-methylethyl) ethe	108-60-1	10			0	0	0	0	0	1400	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	4000	NA		
Bis(2-ethylhexyl)Phthalate	117-81-7	10			0	0	0	0	0	6	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	3.7	NA		
Bis(chloromethyl) ether	542-88-1				0	0	0	0	0	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	0.17	NA		
Butyl Benzyl Phthalate	85-68-7	10			0	0	0	0	0	7000	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1	NA		
2-Chloronaphthalene	91-58-7	10			0	0	0	0	0	2800	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1000	NA		
Chrysene	218-01-9	5			0	0	0	0	0	0.048	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1.3	NA		
2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid	94-75-7				0	0	0	0	0	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	12000	NA		
Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene	53-70-3	5			0	0	0	0	0	0.048	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	0.0013	NA		
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	95-50-1	10			0	0	0	0	0	600	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	3000	NA		
1,3-Dichlorobenzene	541-73-1	10			0	0	0	0	0	469	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	10	NA		
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	106-46-7	10		0	0	0	0	0	0	75	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	900	NA		
3,3'-Dichlorobenzidine	91-94-1	5			0	0	0	0	0	0.78	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1.5	NA		
Diethyl Phthalate	84-66-2	10			0	0	0	0	0	28000	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	600	NA		
Dimethyl Phthalate	131-11-3	10			0	0	0	0	0	350000	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	2000	NA		
Di-n-Butyl Phthalate	84-74-2	10			0	0	0	0	0	3500	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	30	NA		
2,4-Dinitrotoluene	121-14-2	10			0	0	0	0	0	1.1	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	17	NA		
1,2-Diphenylhydrazine	122-66-7	20			0	0	0	0	0	0.44	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	2	NA		
Fluoranthene	206-44-0	10			0	0	0	0	0	1400	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	20	NA		
Fluorene	86-73-7	10			0	0	0	0	0	1400	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	70	NA		
Hexachlorobenzene	118-74-1	5		0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	0.00079	NA		
Hexachlorobutadiene	87-68-3	10			0	0	0	0	0	4.5	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	0.1	NA		
Hexachlorocyclohexane (HCH)-	608-73-1				0	0	0	0	0	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	0.1	NA		
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	77-47-4	10			0	0	0	0	0	50	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	4	NA		
Hexachloroethane	67-72-1	20			0	0	0	0	0	25	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1	NA		
Indeno(1,2,3-cd)Pyrene	193-39-5	5			0	0	0	0	0	0.048	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	0.013	NA		
Isophorone	78-59-1	10			0	0	0	0	0	368	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	18000	NA		
Nitrobenzene	98-95-3	10			0	0	0	0	0	18	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	600	NA		
Nitrosamines	Various				0	0	0	0	0	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	12.4	NA		
Nitrosodibutylamine	924-16-3				0	0	0	0	0	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	2.2	NA		
Nitrosodiethylamine	55-18-5				0	0	0	0	0	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	12.4	NA		
n-Nitrosodimethylamine	62-75-9	50			0	0	0	0	0	0.0069	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	30	NA		
n-Nitrosodi-n-Propylamine	621-64-7	20			0	0	0	0	0	0.05	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	5.1	NA		
n-Nitrosodiphenylamine	86-30-6	20			0	0	0	0	0	71	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	60	NA		
N-Nitrosopyrrolidine	930-55-2				0	0	0	0	0	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	340	NA		
Nonylphenol	84852-15-3				0	0	0	0	0	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	28	6.6	1E+100	NA		
Pentachlorobenzene	608-93-5				0	0	0	0	0	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	0.1	NA		
Pyrene	129-00-0	10			0	0	0	0	0	1050	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	4000	NA		
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	120-82-1	10			0	0	0	0	0	70	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	0.76	NA		

POLLUTANTS	CAS No.	MQL	Instream Waste Concentration											Livestock& Wildlife	Acute Aquatic	Chronic Aquatic	Human Health	Need TMDL
			Ambient Conc	Effluent Conc.	Acute Aquatic	Domestic Supply	Chronic Aquatic	Human Health	Domestic Criteria	Irrigation Criteria	Human Health	Acute Aquatic	Chronic Aquatic					
			Ca (ug/l)	Ce (ug/l)	2.13*Ce	Cd,dom (ug/l)	Cd (ug/l)	Cd,hh (ug/l)	ug/l	ug/l	ug/l	ug/l	ug/l					
PESTICIDES AND PCBS																		
Aldrin	309-00-2	0.01			0	0	0	0	0	0.021	1E+100	1E+100	3	1E+100	0.0000077	NA		
Alpha-BHC	319-84-6	0.05			0	0	0	0	0	0.056	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	0.0039	NA		
Beta-BHC	319-85-7	0.05			0	0	0	0	0	0.091	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	0.14	NA		
gamma-BHC (Lindane)	58-89-9	0.05			0	0	0	0	0	0.2	1E+100	1E+100	0.95	1E+100	4.4	NA		
Chlordane	57-74-9	0.2			0	0	0	0	0	2	1E+100	1E+100	2.4	0.0043	0.0032	NA		
Dichlorodiphenyldichloroethane (DDD)					0	0	0	0	0	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	0.0012	NA		
Dichlorodiphenyldichloroethylene (DDE)					0	0	0	0	0	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	0.0018	NA		
Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (DDT)					0	0	0	0	0	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	0.0003	NA		
4,4'-DDT and derivatives	50-29-3	0.02			0	0	0	0	0	1	1E+100	0.001	1.1	0.001	1E+100	NA		
Dieldrin	60-57-1	0.02			0	0	0	0	0	0.022	1E+100	1E+100	0.24	0.056	0.000012	NA		
Diazinon	333-41-5				0	0	0	0	0	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	0.17	0.17	1E+100	NA		
Alpha-Endosulfan	959-98-8	0.01			0	0	0	0	0	62	1E+100	1E+100	0.22	0.056	30	NA		
Beta-Endosulfan	33213-65-9	0.02			0	0	0	0	0	62	1E+100	1E+100	0.22	0.056	40	NA		
Endosulfan sulfate	1031-7-8	0.1			0	0	0	0	0	62	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	40	NA		
Endrin	72-20-8	0.02			0	0	0	0	0	2	1E+100	1E+100	0.086	0.036	0.03	NA		
Endrin Aldehyde	7421-93-4	0.1			0	0	0	0	0	10.5	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1E+100	1	NA		
Heptachlor	76-44-8	0.01			0	0	0	0	0	0.4	1E+100	1E+100	0.52	0.0038	0.000059	NA		
Heptachlor Epoxide	1024-57-3	0.01			0	0	0	0	0	0.2	1E+100	1E+100	0.52	0.0038	0.00032	NA		
PCBs	336-36-3	0.2			0	0	0	0	0	0.5	1E+100	0.014	2	0.014	0.00064	NA		
Toxaphene	8001-35-2	0.3			0	0	0	0	0	3	1E+100	1E+100	0.73	0.0002	0.0071	NA		
STEP 3: SCAN POTENTIAL INSTREAM WASTE CONCENTRATIONS AGAINST WATER QUALITY CRITERIA AND ESTABLISH EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS FOR ALL APPLICABLE PARAMETERS																		
No limits are established if the receiving stream is not designated for the particular uses.																		
No limits are established if the potential instream waste concentrations are less than the chronic water quality criteria.																		
The most applicable stringent criteria are used to establish effluent limitations for a given parameter.																		
Water quality criteria apply at the end-of-pipe for acute aquatic life criteria and discharges to public lakes.																		
If background concentration exceeds the water quality criteria, water quality criteria apply. And "Need TMDL" shown to the next column of Avg. Mass																		
Monthly avg concentration = daily max. / 1.5.																		
APPLICABLE WATER QUALITY-BASED LIMITS																		
The following formula is used to calculate the allowable daily maximum effluent concentration See the current "Procedures for Implementing NPDES Permits in New Mexico"																		
Daily Max. Conc. = $C_s + (C_s - C_a)(F^*Q_a/Q_e)$ Monthly Avg. Conc. = Daily Max. Conc. / 1.5																		
Where: C_s = Applicable water quality standard																		
C_a = Ambient stream concentration																		
F = Fraction of stream allowed for mixing (1.0 is assigned to domestic water supply and human health uses)																		
Q_e = Plant effluent flow																		
Q_a = Criteria Low flow (4Q3) or Harmonic Mean flow for Human Health Criteria																		

Appendix 3



Appendix 4

Facility Name	City of Aztec WWTP								
NPDES Permit Number	NM0020168						Outfall Number	001	
Proposed Critical Dilution*	12	%							
	*Critical Dilution in draft permit, do not use % sign.								
	Enter data in yellow shaded cells only. Fifty percent should be entered as 50, not 50%.								
Test Data									
	VERTEBRATE				INVERTEBRATE				
Date (mm/yyyy)	Lethal NOEC	Sublethal NOEC	Lethal TU	Sublethal TU	Lethal NOEC	Sublethal NOEC	Lethal TU	Sublethal TU	
09/30/21	25		4.00		25		4.00		
12/31/21	25		4.00		25		4.00		
03/31/22	25		4.00		25		4.00		
06/30/22	25		4.00		25		4.00		
09/30/22	33		3.03		33		3.03		
12/31/22	33		3.03		33		3.03		
03/31/23	33		3.03		33		3.03		
06/30/23	33		3.03		33		3.03		
09/30/23	33		3.03		33		3.03		
12/31/23	33		3.03		33		3.03		
03/31/24	33		3.03		33		3.03		
06/30/24	33		3.03		33		3.03		
09/30/24	33		3.03		33		3.03		
12/31/24	33		3.03		33		3.03		
03/31/25	33		3.03		33		3.03		
06/30/25	33		3.03		33		3.03		
09/30/25	33		3.03		33		3.03		
12/31/25	100		1.00		100		1.00		
	25	0	4.00	#DIV/0!	25	0	4.00	#DIV/0!	
Count			18	0			18	0	
Mean			3.133	#DIV/0!			3.133	#DIV/0!	
Std. Dev.			0.673	#DIV/0!			0.673	#DIV/0!	
CV			0.2	0.6			0.2	0.6	
RPMF			1.1	6.2			1.1	6.2	
		8.333	Reasonable Potential Acceptance Criteria						
Vertebrate Lethal		0.528	No Reasonable Potential exists. Permit requires WET monitoring, but no WET limit.						
Vertebrate Sublethal		#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!						
Invertebrate Lethal		0.528	No Reasonable Potential exists. Permit requires WET monitoring, but no WET limit.						
Invertebrate Sublethal		#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!						