

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0000116

The applicant's mailing address is: GCC Rio Grande, Inc., P.O. Box 100, Tijeras, NM 87059

The plant site is located at 11783 State Highway 337, in Bernalillo County, New Mexico, about 10 miles east of Albuquerque. Under Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code(s) 3241, the applicant currently manufactures Portland cement. The facility discharges into Corral Canyon an intermittent stream in segment number 20.6.4.98, thence into Tijeras Canyon a perennial stream in segment number 20.6.4.99 of the Rio Grande Basin. Outfall 001 is located at Latitude: 35° 04' 25", Longitude: 106° 23' 51".

This is a permit renewal. It is proposed that the facility be issued an NPDES permit for a 5-year term, in accordance with 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 122.46(a). The following are changes from the previous permit. A fact sheet is available for review.

1. Selenium, Thallium, Benzo (a) anthracene and Oil & Grease monitoring and reporting requirements have been added.
2. Reference to segment number 20.6.4.105 in previous permit has been revised. The facility first discharges into Corral Canyon (20.6.4.98), thence into Tijeras Canyon (20.6.4.99) of the Rio Grande Basin. Assessment Units for receiving waters are NM_98.A_018 and NM_900.A_001, respectively.

Note: All data submitted by the applicant is available as part of the administrative record(s). Further information regarding the administrative record(s) may be requested from the EPA contact below or viewed at the address listed below between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is recommended that you schedule an appointment by writing or calling so the record(s) will be available at your convenience. If you want to comment, submit written comments within 30 days to:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
NPDES Permitting and Wetland Section (6WD-PE)
1201 Elm Street, Suite 500, Dallas, Texas 75270-2102
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State Certification:

This Notice also serves as a Public Notice of the intent of the New Mexico Environment Department and Surface Water Quality Bureau to consider issuing Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 Certification. Such certification reasonably ensures that the permitted activities 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 wish to comment on State Certification, please submit written comments within 30 days to:

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