

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0022306

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The discharge from this facility is located at 3.5 miles east of Questa on State Road 38 (NM 38), Taos County, New Mexico. Under the SIC code 1061, the applicant operated, intermittently from 1920 until 2014, a mine and mill producing molybdenum disulfide. Closeout activities continue with phased decommissioning and demolition of selected surface facilities at the Mill Area, Mine Area, and Tailing Facility. Discharges from outfalls are to Red River, segment No. 20.6.4.122 NMAC of the Rio Grande Basin . Designated uses of the receiving waters are listed in the fact sheet.

This is a renewal of a permit issued on September 30, 2013 and modified on May 31, 2016, with an effective date of July 1, 2016, and an expiration date of October 31, 2018.

Changes from the previous permit are:

- New limits/monitoring for some pollutants have been established at Outfalls 004; refer to summary on page 10 of 16.
 - The addition of total cobalt, dissolved manganese, total nickel, total recoverable selenium, total recoverable iron, and adjusted gross alpha
 - Changes in effluent limitations for total zinc, total arsenic, total cadmium, total copper, total lead, total mercury, total recoverable aluminum, total silver, and chlordanes
- Limits for some pollutants at Outfalls 001, 002 and 004 have been removed; monitoring condition is required instead (from limited to reported; refer to pages 9 & 10 of 16).
- Monitoring requirement for some pollutants at Outfall 002 has been removed (from reported to removed; refer to page 10 of 16).
- Monitoring frequency for pH at Outfalls 001 and 002 has been reduced to 3 times per week from daily.
- Outfall 101 has been removed.
- Many loading and average limits have been removed at all outfalls.
- Visual inspection frequency at Springs 13 and 39 has been reduced to quarterly from monthly. More detailed information on the inspection is required.
- Monitoring requirement for tailing spill has been removed.
- WET limit for one test species has been established at Outfall 001. Critical dilutions have been changed at all outfalls.

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.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
NPDES Permitting and Wetland Section (6WD-PE)
1201 Elm Street, Suite 500
Dallas, Texas 75270-2102
or email: R6NPDES@epa.gov

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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