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Sent via email to: hill.troy@epa.gov

Mr. Troy Hill
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
NPDES/Wetlands Review Section (6WD-PN)
1201 Elm Street, Suite 500
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Re: CWA Section 401 Water Quality Certification of Town of Bernalillo WWTP Draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit (NM0023485).

Dear Mr. Hill:

This correspondence is in response to EPA's reissuance of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for the Town of Bernalillo Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) (NM0023485) and the request for Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 Water Quality Certification. As you are aware, the Pueblo of Sandia (Pueblo) has had EPA approved Water Quality Standards since 1993. The Water Quality Standards apply to all surface waters in and around the exterior boundaries of the Pueblo and set forth existing uses that must be protected.

After reviewing the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit for the Town of Bernalillo WWTP (NM0023485), the Pueblo certifies that the Town of Bernalillo WWTP discharge will comply with applicable provisions of Sections 208(e), 301 (Including 301(h) variances), 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the CWA. Compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit and this water quality certification will provide reasonable assurance that the permitted activities will be conducted in a manner which will not violate the Pueblo Water Quality Standards and provisions of the CWA. The Pueblo reserves the right to amend or revoke this water quality certification if noncompliance with the Pueblo's Water Quality Standards occurs.

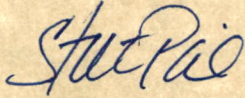
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We look forward to EPA's continued cooperation on environmental issues. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Pueblo of Sandia's Water Quality Manager, Cynthia King at (505) 771-5090 or via e-mail at cking@sandiapueblo.nsn.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stuart Paisano".

Stuart Paisano

Governor

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