

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0023311

The applicant's mailing address is:

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Utilities Department
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Las Cruces, NM 88005

The discharge from this facility is located at 2851 West Amador, Las Cruces in Dona Ana County, New Mexico. Under the SIC code 4952, the applicant operates Jacob Hands Memorial WWTF, which has a design flow of 13.5 MGD. It provides sanitary services for approximately 120,442-population, including the same 8 significant industrial users in the previous application. Effluent is dechlorinated before discharging to a short unnamed ditch, thence to the Rio Grande River (Segment 20.6.4.101 NMAC). Designated uses of the receiving water are stated in the fact sheet.

This is a renewal of a permit previously issued on May 27, 2021, with an effective date of July 1, 2021, and an expiration date of June 30, 2026.

Changes from the previous permit are:

- Monitoring frequency for PCBs has been reduced to monthly from once/2 weeks.
- Monitoring of toxic pollutants have been removed.
- Limits have been added for cyanide with compliance schedule.
- Monitoring of PFAS pollutants has been added.
- WET limitation has been established for both species with compliance schedule.

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 30-day period to:

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