NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0024830

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The facility is authorized to discharge from a facility located north of US Highway 84 N in Abiquiu, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, from Outfall 001 located at Latitude 36° 12' 50" North, Longitude 106° 19' 20" West. Discharges from the facility for the described activities are to the Rio Chama in Waterbody Segment No. 20.6.4.116 of the Rio Grande Basin. The known uses of the receiving water are irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, coldwater aquatic life, warmwater aquatic life, and secondary contact.

Under the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code 4952, the applicant operates a Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) with a design capacity of 0.04 million gallons per day (MGD).

This is a renewal of a permit issued issued August 4, 2011, with an effective date of October 1, 2011, and an expiration date of September 30, 2016.

Changes from the previous permit are:

- A. Monitoring frequency for *E.Coli* has been increased.
- B. Electronic DMR reporting requirements have been included in the modified permit.
- C. Language on the Sufficiently Sensitive Methods has been established in the proposed permit.

A factsheet is available.

State Certification

The 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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