

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0029165

The applicant's mailing address is:

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The discharge from this facility is located at 26675 U.S. Highway 70, in Ruidoso Downs, Lincoln County, New Mexico. Under the SIC code 4952, the applicant operates City of Ruidoso Downs and Village of Ruidoso WWTP, which has a design flow of 2.7 MGD providing sanitary services for residence in Village of Ruidoso and City of Ruidoso Downs. Effluent is disinfected with ultra violet system before discharged via Outfall 001 to the Rio Ruidoso, thence to the Rio Hondo, thence to the Pecos River (Segment 20.6.4.208 of the Pecos River Basin). Designated uses of the receiving water are stated in the Fact Sheet.

This is a renewal of a permit issued on July 17, 2012, with an effective date of August 1, 2012, and an expiration date of July 31, 2017.

Changes from the previous permit are:

- Monitoring frequency for E. coli has been reduced; loading limit has been added.
- Monitoring frequency for BOD/TSS and removal percentage have been reduced.
- New loading limits for TSS have been established.
- Limits for thallium have been removed.
- Monitoring for toxics pollutants have been established.
- Concentration limits for nutrients have been removed; new loading limits have been established.
- Previous limit for WET has been removed.

A fact sheet is available.

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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