

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0020672

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The wastewater treatment plant is located at 800 Sweetwater Place, City of Gallup, McKinley County, New Mexico. Under the Standard Industrial Classification Code 4952, the facility is a POTW with a design flow of 3.5 MGD serving a population of 25,109. The discharge from the POTW is to the Puerco River Segment 20.6.4.99, which was referred to as Rio Puerco of the West in the previous permit; a perennial stream that flows into Arizona and the Lower Colorado River Basin. Designated uses of the receiving water are stated in the Fact Sheet.

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

Changes from the previous permit are:

- The TDS net incremental increase limit has been established;
- Bis(2-ethylhexyl) Phthalate, Chloroform, and Chlorodibromomethane limits have been established;
- Compliance schedules for TDS, Bis(2-ethylhexyl) Phthalate, Chloroform, and Chlorodibromomethane have been established;
- Ammonia, Beryllium, Mercury, and Cadmium monitoring requirements have been added;
- Minimum Quantification Level and Sufficiently Sensitive Methods requirements have been added;
- DMR electronic reporting requirements have been added; and,
- A 7-Day biomonitoring testing using *Ceriodaphnia dubia* in place of the acute 48-hour biomonitoring testing using *Daphnia pulex* has been added;

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 anti-degradation 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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