

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0024066

The applicant's mailing address is:

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The wastewater treatment plant is located at 1030 Dea Ln in Taos, Taos County, New Mexico. Under the SIC Code 4952, the applicant operates a publicly owned treatment works (POTW) with a design capacity of 2.0 MGD serving a total population of 6602 that includes Town of Taos, Taos Pueblo, El Valle de Los Ranchos and El Prado. The facility discharges into an unnamed arroyo thence to the Rio Pueblo de Taos in Waterbody Segment No. 20.6.4.122 of the Rio Grande Basin. Designated uses of the receiving water are stated in the Fact Sheet.

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

Changes from the previous permit are:

- Sufficiently Sensitive Methods requirements have been added;
- Limits for BOD5 have been changed to 17/21 mg/L from 30/45 mg/L along with the mass loadings; and,
- Mercury monitoring requirements have been revised.

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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