

AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES,
NPDES PERMIT NO. NM0028746.

The applicant's mailing address is:

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Under the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code 1221, the applicant operates coal mining. Based on information provided in the application, the facility is no longer mining surface coal, but continues underground coal mining operations. Wastewater generated in the underground coal mining process exists within a closed loop system, therefore is not discharged. The previously surface mined areas are undergoing reclamation and mine drainage discharges are into either Westwater Arroyo, Shumway Arroyo in Stream Segment 20.6.4.98, or San Juan River in Stream Segment 20.6.4.401 of the San Juan River Basin.

The changes from the current permit issued August 29, 2013, with an effective date of October 1, 2013, and an expiration date of September 30, 2018 are:

1. Add Outfall 013 for future potential runoff discharge from a reclamation area.

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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