NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0030627

The applicant's mailing address is:

Town of Springer Water Treatment Plant P.O. Box 488 Springer, NM 87747

The facility is authorized to discharge from a facility located at 128 Highway 468, Springer, Colfax County, New Mexico, from Outfall 001 located at Latitude 36° 22' 42" North and Longitude 104° 37' 06" West. Discharges from the facility for the described activities are to a non-classified arroyo, thence to Cimarron River in Waterbody Segment No. 20.6.4.306 of the Canadian River Basin and New Mexico Assessment Unit NM_2305.1. A_10. The Canadian River Basin designated uses of this receiving water are irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, warmwater aquatic life and primary contact.

Under the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code 4941, the applicant operates a surface water treatment plant which discharges backwash water to a detention pond with 0.28 million gallons per day (MGD) design flow capacity.

This is a renewal of a permit issued September 25, 2013, with an effective date of November 1, 2013, and an expiration date of October 31, 2018.

Changes from the previous permit are:

- 1. Total Aluminum and Total Nickel limits have been modified.
- 2. Total Zinc limit has been removed from draft permit. Please see Page 10 of Fact Sheet.
- 3. Dissolved Selenium limit has been added to draft permit.
- 4. Nutrients monitor and report only requirements have been added to draft permit.
- 5. Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) results shall be electronically reported to EPA per 40 CFR 127.16.

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 would like to comment on State Certification, submit written comments within the 30-day period to:

Sarah Holcomb, Program Manager-PSRS New Mexico Environment Department Surface Water Quality Bureau 1190 S. Saint Francis Drive P.O. Box 5469 Santa Fe, NM 87502-5469 Phone (505) 827-2798 Fax (505) 827-0160 sarah.holcomb@state.nm.us