

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0030155

The applicant's mailing address is:

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The facility (Latitude 34° 54' 47" N and Longitude 106° 42' 19" W) is located at 1025 Hatchery Rd., Santa Rosa, NM 88435 in Guadalupe County, New Mexico. The location of the combined outfalls based on the flow diagram in the application package is:

Outfall 001 - Latitude 34° 54' 52" North, Longitude 104° 40' 14" West

Under the SIC code 921, the facility is to hatch and raise cold-water (rainbow trout) and warm-water (walleye, large mouth bass, channel catfish, tiger Muskie and fathead minnow) species for stocking in lakes and streams with total estimated proposed production maximum of 143,934 pounds annually.

This is a renewal of a permit previously issued on August 29, 2013 with an effective date of October 1, 2013, and an expiration date of September 30, 2018. The following are changes from the previous permit:

1. NMDGF created a combined outfall (Outfall 001) for the hatchery by installing a pipe between warm-water (Outfall 004) and cold-water (Outfall 003) settling ponds.
2. Removed monitoring and reporting requirements for Outfall 003 and Outfall 004. The New discharge for the hatchery is Outfall 001.
3. Removed a WET limit of 72% that was established in the previous permit because the required WET results passed.
4. Added total phosphorus reporting requirements as a part of the State nutrient assessment protocol.

A fact sheet is available for review.

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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