NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0030872

The applicant's mailing address is:

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The discharge from this facility is located at 5150 E. Lohman Avenue, City of Las Cruces, Dona Ana County, New Mexico. Under the SIC code 4952, the applicant (municipality) operates East Mesa Water Reclamation Facility, which has a design flow rate of 1.0 MGD serving a population of 3,152 approximately. Effluent is ultraviolet-disinfected before discharging (via Outfall 001) to South Fork Las Cruces Arroyo, an intermittent stream, thence to Rio Grande River. Designated uses of the receiving water are stated in the Fact Sheet.

This is a renewal of a permit issued on 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:

- New limit for WET has been established.
- Monitoring frequency for thallium and bis (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate has been changed to monthly.
- New limit for DO has been established.

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 want to comment on State Certification submit written comments within the 30-day period to:

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