

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0027782

The applicant's mailing address is:

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The WWTF is located at 42 Chisum Trail, Rio Communities, Valencia County, New Mexico. The effluent from the treatment plant is discharged to the Lower Peralta Riverside Drain (San Juan Feeder), thence to the Rio Grande in Segment No. 20.6.4.105 of the Rio Grande Basin. The discharge is located on that water at latitude 34° 37' 58" N and longitude 106° 44' 29" W, in Valencia County, New Mexico. Under the SIC Code 4952, the applicant's activities are private domestic wastewater treatment operations with a design flow of 0.3 MGD extended aeration activated sludge plant with UV disinfection which serves a population of approximately 2,960

This is a renewal of a permit issued on January 15, 2014, with an effective date of February 1, 2014, and an expiration date of January 31, 2019.

Changes from the permit previously issued May 20, 2014 with an effective date of June 1, 2014, and an expiration date of May 31, 2019, are:

1. Temperature has been added as a monitoring only requirement.
2. Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) results shall be electronically reported to EPA per 40 CFR 127.16.
3. WET testing requirements has been added as established in the NMIP.

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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