

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0031216

The applicant's mailing address is:

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Kirtland AFB is located at 2000 Wyoming Blvd SE, Bernalillo County New Mexico. Under the SIC code 5629, the applicant operates a ground water treatment plant to address a dissolved phase ethylene dibromide plume that was caused by the fuel leak from the Bulk Fuels Facility at Kirtland Air Force Base. The plant is located off Ridgecrest Drive, Southeast (SE) on Kirtland AFB in the former Zia Park housing neighborhood. The plant is designed to treat up to 800 gallons per minute of non-hazardous, contaminated groundwater. The discharge from the new industrial facility is to Tijeras Arroyo (Rio Grande to Four Hills Bridge) Segment 20.6.4.98 that flows into Rio Grande River. Designated uses of the receiving water are stated in the Fact Sheet.

A fact sheet is available.

This is a first-time issuance permit.

Public Meeting

The EPA will conduct a public hearing on the draft NPDES permit, with a public information meeting and question and answer session prior to the public hearing, at the location below:

Place: New Mexico's Veterans Memorial
1100 Louisiana Blvd SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108
Time: Public Meeting 5:30 pm; Public Hearing 7:00 pm
Date: June 26, 2019

Registration for the hearing will be thirty (30) minutes before the start of the hearing. Any person requiring special arrangements should notify EPA through the contact person listed below within ten (10) days of this notice. The public hearing will be held in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 124.12. At the public hearing, any person may submit oral or written statements and data concerning the proposed permit. Any person who cannot attend the public hearing may still submit written comments through the end of the comment period July 12, 2019.

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 60-day period to:

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