

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0030180

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The discharge from this facility is located at York Canyon complex, at the end of Highway 555, Colfax County, New Mexico. Under the SIC code 1221, the applicant operates a post-operative coal mine. Active mining has been ceased; the mine has been in reclamation process. Discharges of mine drainage are to various streams named Salyers Canyon, Ancho Canyon, Gachupin Canyon, Brackett Canyon, and Vermejo River in the Segment No. 20.6.4.309 of Canadian River Basin. Designated uses of the receiving water are stated in the Fact Sheet.

This is a renewal of a permit issued on July 29, 2014, with an effective date of September 1, 2014, and an expiration date of August 31, 2019.

Changes from the previous permit are:

- Monitoring of turbidity has been established at all outfalls.
- Requirement of turbidity control has been added.
- New aluminum limitation for Outfall 014 has been established.
- Pollutant analyses at each outfall have been required.

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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