

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0000108

The applicant's mailing address is:

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Under the Standard Industrial Classification Code 4911, the applicant operates an electric generating and distribution power plant providing 250 megawatts with a planned addition to increase that by 88 megawatts in 2013.

The discharge from the power plant is to the Rio Grande in stream segment 20.6.4.101. The designated uses for the Rio Grande are irrigation, marginal warmwater aquatic life, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, and primary contact.

Outfall 001 - Latitude 31° 48' 13" North, Longitude 106° 32' 47" West

Outfall 002 - Latitude 31° 48' 16" North, Longitude 106° 32' 59" West

Changes from the previous permit are as follows:

1. The permit eliminates selenium limits.
2. The permit eliminates monitoring for sulfate.
3. The permit changes the monitoring frequency for total dissolved solids and chloride to once per quarter.

This draft permit will revoke and reissue a permit previously issued October 31, 2008, with an effective date of December 1, 2008, and an expiration date of November 30, 2013.

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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