

AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES,
NPDES PERMIT NO. NM0000124.

The applicant's mailing address is:

Public Service Company of New Mexico
Reeves Generating Station
Alvarado Square MS-Z100
Albuquerque, NM 87158

Under Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code(s) 4911, the applicant currently operates the Reeves Generating Station. This facility is a peaking and standby plant and operates infrequently and sporadically. The facility is located at 4400 Paseo Del Norte NE, Albuquerque, in Bernalillo County, NM. The plant effluent consists of cooling tower blowdown, boiler blowdown, boiler drain, and low volume waste stream. Those waste streams could be discharged either to evaporation ponds, to city sewer system, or via Outfall 001 to a stormwater ditch. No discharge occurs. In case a discharge occurs, discharges will go into a storm water ditch, about 100 - 150 feet upstream from the point flowing to Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority's (AMAFCA's) North Diversion Channel, thence into Rio Grande in segment 20.6.4.106 of the Rio Grande Basin.

It is proposed that the current permit be reissued for a 5-year term. There are changes from the current permit issued on August 28, 2009.

1. Change critical dilution of toxicity testing from 4% to 100%;
2. Add effluent limitations for total arsenic and total zinc;
3. Establish more stringent effluent limitation for total residual chlorine;
4. Establish more stringent effluent limitations for total copper;
5. Add monitoring requirements for chromium VI, adjusted gross alpha and PCBs;
6. Add one-time monitoring requirement for persistent pollutants; and
7. Change temperature limitation from monthly average to daily maximum limitation.

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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