

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0020109

The applicant's mailing address is:

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Wastewater Treatment Plant
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The facility is authorized to discharge from a facility located at 1660 Filaree Road, Silver City, Grant County, New Mexico from Outfall 001 located at Latitude 32° 42' 54.2" North, Longitude 108° 14' 47.5" West. The effluent from the treatment plant is discharged to receiving waters named San Vicente Arroyo, an undesignated perennial tributary to the Mimbres River in Segment No.20.6.4.099 in the Closed Basins. The known uses of the receiving water(s) are warmwater aquatic life, livestock watering, wildlife habitat and primary contact.

Under the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code 4952, the applicant operates a municipal wastewater treatment plant with a design capacity of 2.0 million gallons per day (MGD) serving a population of approximately 11,800.

This is a renewal of a permit issued August 26, 2008, with an effective date of October 1, 2008, and an expiration date of September 30, 2013.

Changes from the previous permit are:

1. The permit establishes minimum BOD and TSS percent removal efficiencies.
2. E. coli bacteria and pH have been made less stringent.
3. Limits for mercury have been eliminated.

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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