

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0020133

The applicant's mailing address is:

Los Alamos County White Rock WWTP  
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The facility is authorized to discharge from a facility located on Overlook Drive at White Rock, Los Alamos County, New Mexico, from Outfall 001, located at Latitude 35° 49' 39.936" North, Longitude 106° 11' 5.964" West. The wastewater from the facility flows from the outfall to an undesignated arroyo named Canada del Buey in Los Alamos County in State of New Mexico waters, then flows approximately 300 feet where it enters waters of the San Ildefonso Pueblo. After approximately one-mile, the discharge leaves San Ildefonso Pueblo waters and reaches the Rio Grande in State of New Mexico waters. The portion of the Rio Grande in State of New Mexico waters is in Segment No. 20.6.4.114 of the Rio Grande Basin. San Ildefonso Pueblo does not have EPA approved water quality standards, and does not have NPDES authority. The designated uses of Canada del Buey under the "fishable/swimmable" requirements of the Clean Water Act are aquatic life, livestock watering, wildlife habitat and primary contact.

Under the Standard Industrial Classification Code 4952, the facility operates a POTW with a design flow of 0.82 MGD for a population of 5917 residents.

Reissuance of a permit previously issued January 30, 2006, with an effective date of March 1, 2006, and an expiration date of February 28, 2011.

Changes to the draft permit from the previous permit are:

- A. Permit limits for E. coli have been made more stringent.
- B. Fecal coliform limits have been eliminated.
- C. Limits for pH have been made more stringent.

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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