

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0020150

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The facility is located at 1300 Conservancy Road, in the City of Belen, NM. The effluent from the site is discharged into the Bosque Drain, thence into the Rio Grande in water quality Segment No. 20.6.4.105 New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC) of the Middle Rio Grande Basin. The discharge is located on that water at Latitude 34° 38' 32" North and Longitude 106° 46' 36" West, in Valencia County, New Mexico.

Under SIC Code 4952 the discharge is from a publically owned treatment works (POTW). The treatment processes include bar screen, grit tank, aeration basin, secondary clarifier, chlorine contact chamber. The current design flow is 1.2 MGD.

Changes from the permit previously issued August 28, 2009, with an effective date of September 1, 2009, and an expiration date of July 31, 2014:

- A 30-day Average ≥ 85 percent removal requirement for both BOD5 (Biological Oxygen Demand) and TSS has been added to the discharge limitations.
- Critical dilution for WET testing has been changed from 64% to 17%.
- Waste Load Allocations of 5.73×10^9 cfu/day for the E. coli bacteria has been included since E.coli bacteria has been listed as an EPA approved TMDL.

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 would like to comment on State Certification, submit written comments within the 30 day period to:

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