

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0020583

The applicant's mailing address is:

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The facility is located at 1395 South Lake Street, Farmington, San Juan County, New Mexico. Under the Standard Industrial Classification Code 4952, the applicant operates a municipal wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) with a design capacity of 6.67 million gallons per day serving a population of approximately 50,000. The discharge from the WWTP is to the San Juan River, State of New Mexico Segment No. 20.6.4.401 of the San Juan Basin. Designated uses of the receiving water are stated in the Fact Sheet.

This is a renewal of a permit previously issued on September 24, 2010, with an effective date of November 1, 2010, and an expiration date of October 31, 2015.

Changes from the previous permit are:

- Limit for percent removal of CBOD has been added;
- Limit for percent removal of TSS has been added;
- Sufficiently Sensitive Methods sampling requirements have been added;
- DMR electronic reporting requirements have been added;
- Bacteria daily maximum limit has been revised;
- TDS loading limit has been revised; and,
- An alternative to the 400 mg/L TDS net incremental increase limit has been established.

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 anti-degradation 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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