

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0020672

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The facility is authorized to discharge from a facility located at 800 Sweetwater Place, City of Gallup, McKinley County, New Mexico. The discharge from the POTW is to the Rio Puerco of the West; an intermittent stream that flows into Arizona and the Lower Colorado River Basin. The discharge is located at Latitude 35° 31' 03" North, Longitude 108° 49' 02" West. The designated uses of the receiving water are warmwater 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 3.5 MGD for a population of 22,827 residents.

Reissuance of a permit previously issued May 30, 2006, with an effective date of July 1, 2006, and an expiration date of June 30, 2011.

Changes to the draft permit from the previous permit are:

- A. Fecal coliform bacteria limits have been eliminated.
- B. Copper limits have been made more stringent. A compliance schedule has been provided.
- C. Limits for pH have been made more restrictive.
- D. Monitoring frequencies have decreased for BOD, TSS and E. coli.
- E. Monitoring frequencies have increased for pH and TRC.
- F. Limits for minimum percent removal have been added for TSS and BOD.
- G. WET limits for the species *Pimephales promelas* have been added. A compliance schedule has been provided.
- H. The facility is required to submit an Industrial Waste Survey of its industrial users.

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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