

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0020681

The applicant's mailing address is:

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The discharge from this facility is located at 1595 Animal Shelter Road in the City of Truth or Consequences, Sierra County, New Mexico. Under the SIC code 4952, the applicant operates Truth or Consequences Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF), which has a design flow of 1.06 MGD providing sanitary services for approximately 7,600-population in the city and City of Williamsburg. Effluent is chlorinated before reused (under a ground water permit) and discharged to Rio Grande River via Outfall 001 (Segment No.20.6.4.103 NMAC). Designated uses of the receiving water are stated in the Fact Sheet.

This is a renewal of a permit issued on February 13, 2009, with an effective date of March 1, 2009, and an expiration date of February 28, 2014.

Changes from the previous permit are:

- Removal percentage for BOD<sub>5</sub> and TSS has been established.
- Limits for cadmium and acrylonitrile have been established.
- Limits for total copper have been removed.
- Pimephales promelas is now limited instead of Ceriodaphnia dubia for WET testing.
- Monitoring frequency and sample type have been changed to reflect the NMIP.
- Reporting for DO, total phosphorus, total nitrogen and O&G have 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 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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