

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0020711

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The discharge from this facility is located at 1700 North Rock Island Street, Tucumcari in Quay County, New Mexico. Under the SIC code 4952, the applicant operates Tucumcari Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF), which has a design flow of 1.2 MGD providing sanitary services for approximately 2267 resident and 508 commercial wastewater connections, including one significant industrial user. The effluent is conveyed by underground pipe for about 1.5 miles to Breen's Pond, overflow from the pond is discharged to No Name Creek. The pond is a natural pond fed by underground spring and an ephemeral stream. The creek, a perennial stream, travels about one mile to reach Pajarito Creek, a perennial tributary to the Canadian River (Segment 20.6.4.303 NMAC). The designated uses of the receiving water are irrigation, marginal warmwater aquatic life, livestock watering, wildlife habitat and primary contact.

This is a renewal of a permit previously issued on December 7, 2007, with an effective date of February 1, 2008, and an expiration date of January 31, 2013.

Changes from the previous permit are:

- Mass limit for E. coli bacteria has been established.
- Removal percentage for BOD<sub>5</sub> and TSS has been established.
- Limits for WET testing, nutrients and Boron have been established with compliance schedule.

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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