

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0022101

The applicant's mailing address is:

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The permittee is authorized to discharge from a facility located at 38 Ocean Blvd., in the Village of Taos Ski Valley, Taos County, New Mexico, from Outfall 001 located at Latitude 36° 35' 46" N and Longitude 105° 27' 38" W. Discharges from the facility for the described activities are to Rio Hondo in Waterbody Segment No. 20.6.4.129 of the Rio Grande Basin. The designated uses of this receiving water are domestic water supply, high quality coldwater aquatic life, irrigation, wildlife habitat, livestock watering, and secondary contact. The Rio Hondo flows into the Rio Grande in Waterbody Segment No. 20.6.4.122 of the Rio Grande Basin, which is bordered to the east by the Pueblo of Taos. The Pueblo of Taos WQS establish designed uses of the Rio Grande as wildlife habitat, coldwater fishery, irrigation, livestock & wildlife watering, aquatic life (acute and chronic criteria), and primary human contact/ceremonial use.

Under the SIC Code 4952, the discharge is from a publicly owned treatment works (POTW) with a design capacity of 0.167 MGD serving a population fluctuates from 500 to 5,000 depending on the season of the year. This is a renewal of a permit previously issued February 27, 2006 with an effective date of April 1, 2006 and an expiration date of March 31, 2011.

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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