

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6
Public Notice of Public Meeting and Public Hearing**

September 30, 2011

This is to give notice that the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permits Branch of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 has developed a draft NPDES permit for the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (ABCWUA). Development of the draft permit was based on preliminary staff review by EPA, Region 6, and consultation with the State of New Mexico.

EPA contact person for submitting written comments, requesting information regarding the draft permit, public hearing, and/or obtaining copies of the draft permit and fact sheet is:

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This is to give notice that the Regional Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 6, or Presiding Officer designated by him, will conduct a public hearing on the draft NPDES permit. There will be a public information meeting and a question and answer session starting at 6:00 p.m. and the hearing for public comments will be starting at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, November 3, 2011, at the location below:

**Central New Mexico Community College (CNM)
Workforce Training Center
Conference Room 101
5600 Eagle Rock Avenue NE
Albuquerque, NM 87113**

Registration for the hearing will be thirty (30) minutes before the start of the hearing. Any person requiring special arrangements should notify EPA through the contact person listed above within ten (10) days of receipt of this notice so arrangements can be made to provide assistance to them.

EPA comments and public hearing procedures may be found at 40 CFR Parts 124.10 and 124.12 (48 Federal Register 1426, April 1, 1983, as amended at 49 Federal Register 38051, September 26, 1984).

EPA will notify the applicant and each person who has submitted comments or requested notice of the final permit decision. A final permit decision means a final decision to issue, deny, modify, revoke or reissue, or terminate a permit. Any person who filed comments on or participated in a public hearing on the draft permit may appeal the Agency's final permit decision. However, the request must be submitted within 30 days of the date of the final permit decision and be in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 124.19.

The administrative record, containing all documents relating to the permit may be viewed at the above address between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. It is recommended that you write or call to the contact above for an appointment, so the record(s) will be available at your convenience.

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0022250

**The applicant's mailing address is: Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority (ABCWUA)
P.O. Box 1293
Albuquerque, NM 87103**

The facility is authorized to discharge from a facility located at 4201 2nd Street SW, Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico. The discharge from the POTW is to the Rio Grande of the Rio Grande Basin. The discharge is located at Latitude 35° 01' 04" North, Longitude 106° 40' 13" West. The designated uses of the receiving water are wildlife habitat, livestock watering, limited warmwater aquatic life, irrigation and secondary contact. Under the Standard Industrial Classification Code 4952, the facility operates a POTW with a design flow of 76 MGD for a population of 578,000 residents. This draft is for a reissuance of a permit previously issued March 31, 2005, with an effective date of May 1, 2005, and an expiration date of April 30, 2010.

Changes to the draft permit from the previous permit are:

- A. Tiered river flow limits for Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand, total ammonia, nitrate, Total Inorganic Nitrogen, and Dissolved Oxygen are proposed to be removed from the draft permit. They will be replaced with single yearly low flow limits.**
- B. Monitoring requirements for total and dissolved molybdenum and boron are proposed to be removed in the draft permit.**
- C. Monitoring requirements for total arsenic are proposed to be removed from the draft permit.**
- D. Percent removal efficiency for TSS has been added to the draft permit.**
- E. Application pollutant testing requirements have been added.**
- F. A technical mistake made in the previous permit for total inorganic nitrogen has been corrected.**
- G. Total maximum daily load limits for bacteria have been added.**
- E. A one-time Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) test requirement using the sensitive congener method has been added.**