

AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES,
NPDES PERMIT NO. NM0022306.

The applicant's mailing address is:

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On September 30, 2015, EPA reissued the final permit to Chevron Mining, Inc. (CMI) for the wastewater discharges associated with the Questa Mine. EPA incorporated State 401 certification conditions for Outfall 002 into the final permit. Following the issuance of the certification by NMED on September 12, 2013, CMI appealed the certification to the Secretary of NMED under provisions of NMED rules found in NMAC 20.6.2.2001.H. On November 16, 2015, NMED issued an amended Section 401 certification which removes the original condition to Outfall 002. The amended certification requires the total or combined loading limitations of New Outfall 001 and Outfall 002

Changes from the permit previously issued September 30, 2013, with an effective date of November 1, 2013, and an expiration date of October 31, 2018, are:

A. Establish water quality-based combined loading effluent limitations at Outfall 101 which is a “virtual” outfall for Outfall 002 and New Outfall 001 as required by the amended State Section 401 certification.