

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0023311

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The discharge from this facility is located at 2851 West Amador, Las Cruces in Dona Ana County, New Mexico. Under the SIC code 4952, the applicant operates a WWTP, which has a design flow of 13.5 MGD providing sanitary services for approximately 104,731-population, including the same 5 significant industrial users. The secondary treatment process mainly consists of equalization basin, primary clarifiers, roughing filters, aeration basins, secondary clarifiers and chlorine contact basin. Effluent is dechlorinated before discharging to a short unnamed ditch, thence to the Rio Grande River (Segment 20.6.4.101 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 January 21, 2010 with an effective date of March 1, 2010 and an expiration date of February 28, 2015.

Changes from the previous permit are:

- Measurement frequency and sample type have been changed.
- Removal percentage for BOD and TSS has been established.
- WET limit has been established.
- TRC limit has been changed to 11 ug/l from 19 ug/l.

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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