

AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES,
NPDES PERMIT NO. NM0023396.

The applicant's mailing address is:

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Under the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code 4952, the applicant currently operates a municipal wastewater treatment plant with a 0.058 MGD design flow capacity. As described in the application, the facility uses chlorine prior to discharge. The facility is also designed for the removal of nitrogen.

The plant is located in McKinley County, New Mexico. Discharge is to Togeye ditch thence to Cebolla Creek in WQS segment 20.6.4.98 NMAC. Designated uses include marginal warmwater aquatic life, wildlife habitat, primary contact, and livestock watering. The discharge is located on that water at the following coordinates:

Latitude 35° 07' 45" N, Longitude 108° 30' 07" W

There are changes from the current permit issued December 18, 2007, with an effective date of February 1, 2008, and an expiration date of January 31, 2013:

- a. Changed pH limit range from 6.0 – 9.0 to 6.6 – 9.0;
- b. Changed E. coli effluent limitations from daily maximum/30-Day average of 548/2507 cfu/100 ml to 206/940 cfu/100 ml;
- c. Changed the whole effluent toxicity monitoring from 24-hr acute testing to 7-day chronic testing;
- d. Add percent (%) removal limitations for BOD and TSS; and
- e. Add total dissolved solids effluent limitation.

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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