

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0024066

The applicant's mailing address is:

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The permittee is authorized to discharge from a facility located at 182 Los Cordovas Road, in Taos, Taos County, New Mexico, from Outfall 001 located at Latitude 36° 22' 24" N and Longitude 105° 39' 21" W. Discharges from the facility for the described activities are to an unnamed arroyo thence to Rio Pueblo de Taos in Waterbody Segment No. 20.6.4.122 of the Rio Grande Basin. The designated uses of this receiving water are coldwater aquatic life, fish culture, irrigation, wildlife habitat, livestock watering, and primary contact. The north bank of the Rio Pueblo de Taos, also known as the Rio Pueblo, is bordered by the Pueblo of Taos. The Pueblo of Taos WQS establish designed uses of the Rio Pueblo, below Los Cordovas as domestic water supply (including groundwater recharge), wildlife habitat, cold water fishery, irrigation, livestock watering & wildlife water, aquatic life (acute & 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 2.0 MGD serving a population of 11,300. This is a renewal of a permit previously issued June 26, 2006 with an effective date of August 1, 2006 and an expiration date of July 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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