

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0024830

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The permittee is authorized to discharge from a facility located north of US Highway 84 N in Abiquiu, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, from Outfall 001 located at Latitude 36° 12' 50" N and Longitude 106° 19' 20" W. Discharges from the facility for the described activities are to the Rio Chama in Waterbody Segment No. 20.6.4.116 of the Rio Grande Basin. The designated uses of this receiving water are irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, coldwater aquatic life, warmwater aquatic life, and secondary contact. The Rio Chama flows through the Ohkay Owingeh Reservation downstream of the facility's discharge location. The Ohkay Owingeh Water Quality Standards establish designed uses of the segment of the Rio Chama that passes through the Ohkay Owingeh Reservation as coldwater fishery use, warm water fishery use, primary contact ceremonial use, primary contact recreational use, secondary contact recreational use, agricultural water supply use, and industrial water supply use.

Under the SIC Code 4952, the discharge is from a publicly owned treatment works (POTW) with a design capacity of 0.04 MGD serving a population of 125 people and a restaurant. This is a renewal of a permit previously issued November 30, 2005, with an effective date of January 1, 2006, and an expiration date of December 31, 2010.

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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