

National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0027731

The applicant's mailing address is: Village of Chama  
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The facility is authorized to discharge from a facility located at approximately 0.5 mile west of the US 84/64 and NM 17 intersection in the Village of Chama, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico. The discharge from the Publically Owned Treatment Works (POTW) is to the Rio Chamita of the Rio Grande Basin. The discharge is located at Latitude 36° 52' 44" North, Longitude 106° 35' 13" West. The designated uses of the receiving water are domestic water supply, fish culture, high quality cold water aquatic life, irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat and secondary contact.

Under the Standard Industrial Classification Code 4952, the facility operates a POTW with a design flow of 0.30 Million Gallons per Day for a population of 1500 residents.

Reissuance of the NPDES permit issued June 11, 2007, with an effective date of July 1, 2007, and an expiration date of September 30, 2010.

Changes to the draft permit from the previous permit are:

- A. Daily maximum loading limits for Fecal Coliform Bacteria have been removed.
- B. Whole Effluent Toxicity limits at a higher critical dilution (more restrictive) after a three year compliance schedule.

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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