

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0027782

The applicant's mailing address is:

New Mexico Water Service Company – Rio Communities Wastewater Treatment Facility  
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The facility is authorized to discharge from a facility located at 42 Chisum Trail, Rio Communities, Valencia County, New Mexico, from Outfall 001 located at Latitude 34° 37' 58" North and Longitude 106° 44' 29" West. Discharges from the facility for the described activities are to the Lower Peralta Riverside Drain, thence to the Rio Grande in Segment No. 20.6.4.105 of the Rio Grande Basin. Segment No. 20.6.4.105 has designated uses of irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, marginal warmwater aquatic life, primary contact and public water supply.

Under the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code 4941, the applicant operates a surface water treatment plant which discharges backwash water to a detention pond with a 0.3 million gallons per day (MGD) design flow capacity.

This is a renewal of a permit issued September 28, 2007, with an effective date of November 1, 2007, and an expiration date of October 31, 2012.

Changes from the previous permit are:

- A. E. coli reporting requirements have been removed.
- B. A minimum dissolved oxygen (DO) limit has been added.
- C. BOD<sub>5</sub> limits have been modified.
- D. BOD<sub>5</sub> and TSS influent monitoring has been added.
- E. BOD<sub>5</sub> and TSS percent removal limits have been added.

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 would like to comment on State Certification, submit written comments within the 30 day period to:

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