

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0027987

The applicant's mailing address is:

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The discharge from this facility is located at 1605 Riverside Drive, Rio Rancho, Sandoval County, New Mexico. Under the SIC code 4952, the applicant operates City of Rio Rancho WWTP #3, which has a design flow of 8.2 MGD along with Rio Rancho WWTP #3 providing sanitary services for approximately 91,956-population in total. Previously the permittee was authorized to discharge effluent from WWTPs #2 and #1, which is discharged seasonally. WWTP #6 added into the permit draft is currently discharged to an infiltration gallery under a ground water permit. Effluent is UV-disinfected before discharged to the Rio Grande River, Middle Rio Grande River Basin (Segment No.20.6.4.106 NMAC). Designated uses of the receiving water are stated in the Fact Sheet.

This is a renewal of a permit issued on on September 24, 2010, with an effective date of November 1, 2010, and an expiration date of October 31, 2015.

Changes from the previous permit are:

- Removal percentage for BOD<sub>5</sub> and TSS has been established.
- Mass loading for BOD<sub>5</sub> and TSS have been increased.
- WWTP #6 has been added with newly-established limits.
- Limits for total arsenic and ammonia (as N) have been removed.
- WET testing has been changed from chronic to acute with a different species.
- Monitoring frequency and sample type have been changed to reflect the IP and compliance history
- Limits for TP, TDS and O&G have been established with compliance schedule.
- Monitoring of hexachlorobenzene has been established.

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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