

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0028711

The applicant's mailing address is:

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As described in the application, the Cunningham Hill Mine is located at 582 County Road # 55, in Cerrillos, Santa Fe County, NM 87010. Under the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code(s) 1041, the applicant operates gold mine reclamation. The earliest projection for discharge to occur is around 2050. The principal discharges from Outfall 001 are made into Cunningham Gulch (an ephemeral stream), thence to Galisteo Creek (an intermittent stream) and thence to Rio Grande in Waterbody Segment Code No. 20.6.4.110 of the Rio Grande Basin

This is a renewal of a permit issued April 11, 2011, with an effective date of June 1, 2011, and an expiration date of May 31, 2016,

Changes from the previous permit are:

- 1) The receiving water is now subject to 20.6.4.97 NMAC, with livestock watering, wildlife habitat, limited aquatic life and secondary contact designated uses. Permit conditions have been re-evaluated based on these uses.

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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