

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0028762

The applicant's mailing address is:

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The permittee is authorized to discharge from a facility located at New Mexico Highway 173 in the City of Aztec in San Juan County, New Mexico. The discharge is located at Latitude 36° 50' 0" North, Longitude 107° 58' 45" West. The discharge from the facility is to receiving waters named lower Animas irrigation Ditch, then to the Animas River, thence to the San Juan River in Waterbody Segment Code No. 20.6.4.403, of the of the San Juan Basin. The known uses of the receiving water(s) are public water supply, industrial water supply, irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, marginal coldwater aquatic life, primary contact and warmwater aquatic life.

Under the SIC Code 4941, the applicant operates a Water Treatment plant. This permitting action is for the discharge of backwash and flushing water originating from the potable water treatment plant. This is a renewal of a permit previously issued August 18, 2009, with an effective date of October 1, 2009, and an expiration date of September 30, 2014.

A Statement of Basis is available.

Changes from the previous permit are:

1. Electronic DMR reporting requirements have been included in the proposed permit.
2. Language on the sufficiently sensitive Method has been established in the proposed permit.
3. Reporting requirement for Total Aluminum has been removed from the draft permit since total aluminum did not show reasonable potential to exceed NMWQS.

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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