

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0028886

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The facility is authorized to discharge from a facility located at 106 Assembly Circle, in Sacramento, Otero County, New Mexico, from Outfall 001 located at Latitude 32° 47' 25" North and Longitude 105° 33' 35" West. Discharges from the facility for the described activities are to an unnamed intermittent stream, thence Agua Chiquita Creek, thence to Rio Penasco in Waterbody Segment Code No. 20.6.4.208 of the Pecos River Basin. The Pecos River Basin has designated uses of this receiving water are fish culture, irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, coldwater aquatic life and primary contact. However, EPA has determined that the designated uses and criteria of the unclassified intermittent stream shall be utilized to establish effluent limitations. The designated uses for the unclassified intermittent stream are livestock watering, wildlife habitat, marginal warmwater aquatic life, and primary contact.

Under the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code 4952, the applicant operates a complete mix, extended aeration package plant with chlorination/dechlorination disinfection with a 0.042 million gallons per day (MGD) design flow capacity.

This is a renewal of a permit issued November 15, 2006, with an effective date of January 1, 2007, and an expiration date of December 30, 2011.

Changes from the previous permit are:

- A. The maximum pH limit has been modified from 8.8 s.u. to 9.0 s.u.
- B. Fecal Coliform bacteria limits have been eliminated.
- C. *E. coli* bacteria reporting requirements have been eliminated.
- D. *E. coli* bacteria limits have been modified from a monthly geometric mean of 126 cfu/100ml to 206 cfu/100ml, and a single sample of 400 cfu/100ml to 940 cfu/100ml.
- E. TSS and BOD minimum 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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