

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0029131

The applicant's mailing address is:

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Under the Standard Industrial Classification Code 4911, the applicant currently operates an electric substation.

The discharges from this facility, located at approximately 13 miles east of Artesia on State Highway 82 in Eddy County, New Mexico, are made into an unnamed arroyo, thence the dry arroyo named Hart Canyon thence the Pecos River of the Pecos River Basin. The dry arroyo is in stream segment 20.6.4.98 with designated uses of livestock watering, wildlife habitat, primary contact and marginal warmwater aquatic life.

Outfall 001 is at Latitude 32° 48' 54.40" North, Longitude 104° 14' 30.40" West.

This is a renewal of a permit previously issued August 29, 2006, with an effective date of October 1, 2006, and an expiration date of September 30, 2011.

Changes from that permit are:

1. The pollutant pH is made more restrictive.
2. The permit establishes limits for aluminum, vanadium, and copper after a three (3) year compliance schedule.
3. Arsenic limits have been made less stringent.

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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