

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0029505

The applicant's mailing address is:

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The permittee is authorized to discharge from a facility located 15 miles north of Farmington, New Mexico. Discharges are into unnamed intermittent stream in Stream Segment 20.6.4.98. Outfall locations and names of receiving stream are listed below:

Outfalls	Latitude	Longitude	Receiving Water
003	36°59'21.563"	108°8'13.257"W	La Plata River
004	36°59'22.001"	108°8'15.863"W	La Plata River
005	36°59'36.597"	108°7'23.443"W	La Plata River
006	36°58'33.398"	108°9'43.997"W	La Plata River
012	36°58'25.620"	108°9'38.902"W	La Plata River
015	36°58'51.649"	108°10'45.338"W	La Plata River
016	36°59'5.556"	108°10'57.047"W	La Plata River
018	36°59'16.475"	108°10'33.078"W	La Plata River
019	36°58'40.658"	108° 9'28.277"W	La Plata River
020	36°58'45.650"	108° 8'47.398"W	La Plata River
021	36°58'59.567"	108° 8'7.206"W	La Plata River
022	36°59'6.159"	108° 7'49.621"W	La Plata River
023	36°59'12.373"	108° 7'50.035"W	La Plata River
026	36°59'35.364"	108° 7'22.572"	La Plata River
027	36°59'29.701"	108° 7'27.480"W	La Plata River
028	36°59'16.994"	108° 7'48.777"W	La Plata River
029	36°59'14.435"	108° 7'50.956"W	La Plata River
030	36°59'33.990"	108° 8'19.309"W	La Plata River
031	36°59'27.484"	108° 8'17.103"W	La Plata River
032	36°58'59.074"	108° 8'1.737"W	La Plata River
A	36°59'7.384"	108° 10'48.290"W	La Plata River
B	36°58'34.100"	108° 9'51.643"W	La Plata River
C	36°59'14.532"	108° 8'4.797"W	La Plata River
D	36°59'3.538"	108° 8'22.027"W	La Plata River
E	36°59'4.520"	108° 8'6.783"W	La Plata River
F	36°59'22.310"	108° 7'43.208"W	La Plata River
G	36°59'28.220"	108° 7'36.560"W	La Plata River
H	36°59'33.970"	108° 7'28.911"W	La Plata River
I	36°59'11.073"	108° 8'4.290"W	La Plata River
J	36°59'10.711"	108° 8'2.491"W	La Plata River
K	36°59'16.185"	108° 8'7.657"W	La Plata River
M	36°59'44.398"	108° 8'19.134"W	La Plata River
N	36°59'16.193"	108° 7'49.543"W	La Plata River
O	36°59'15.310"	108° 7'50.153"W	La Plata River
P	36°59'13.583"	108° 7'49.825"W	La Plata River

The designated uses of intermittent waters under 20.6.4.98 NMAC are livestock watering, wildlife habitat, marginal warmwater aquatic life and primary contact.

Under the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code 1221, the applicant operates coal mining and is engaged in the reclamation of previous western alkaline surface coal mining operation. La Plata mine is a remote, inactive, unstaffed, and fully reclaimed mine site. This is a renewal of a permit previously issued June 26, 2009, with an effective date of March 1, 2009, and an expiration date of February 28, 2014.

A Statement of Basis is available.

Changes to the draft permit from the previous permit are:

1. Limitations and monitoring requirements as well as a compliance schedule for total mercury and total recoverable selenium have been included in the draft permit based on data for Outfall 028.
2. Additional Outfalls A-Z has been included in the draft permit due to the slight shift from original outfalls as a result of recontouring and other reclamation work.

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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