

AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
NPDES PERMIT NO. NM0029505.

The applicant's mailing address is:

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Under the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code(s) 1221, the applicant operates a coal mine at La Plata Mine. The La Plata Mine was a surface coal mine and is under reclamation process. The La Plata Mine is located at Highway 170, La Plata, in San Juan County, New Mexico. Storm runoffs are to varied tributaries of La Plata River in the Segment No. 20.6.4.402 of the San Juan River Basin. The State has designated La Plata River for irrigation, marginal warmwater aquatic life, marginal coldwater aquatic life, livestock watering, wildlife habitat and secondary contact. A Statement of Basis is available.

There are changes from the current permit issued February 25, 2005, with an effective date of April 1, 2005, and an expiration date of December 31, 2008:

- A. Delete authorization for discharge from active mining areas;
- B. Delete outfalls 001, 002, 007 – 011, 013, 014, 017, 024, and 025;
- C. Delete technology-based effluent limitations for total settleable solids; and
- D. Change pH limitation range from 6.0 – 9.0 to 6.6 – 9.0.