

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0029891

The applicant's mailing address is:

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The facility is located at 1350 North First Street, Raton, New Mexico. Under Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code 4941, the applicant currently operates a surface water treatment plant. This plant intakes and treats about 4 MGD of Lake Maloya surface water using coagulation, flocculation, sedimentation, filtration, and disinfection processes. It has a design flow of 0.08 MGD. The effluent from the facility is discharged into an unclassified, intermittent reach of Raton Creek, thence to the classified, perennial reach of Raton Creek, thence to Chicorica Creek, thence to the Canadian River in Segment 20.6.4.98. Designated uses of the receiving water are stated in the Fact Sheet.

This is a renewal of a permit previously issued on September 24, 2010, with an effective date of November 1, 2010, and an expiration date of October 31, 2015.

Changes from the previous permit are:

- Aluminum monitoring has been proposed;
- Gross Alpha limit has been established;
- Tritium limit has been established;
- Sufficiently Sensitive Methods requirements have been added;
- DMR electronic reporting requirements have been added; and,
- WET testing (7-Day Chronic) replacing WET testing (48-Hour Acute) monitoring has been proposed.

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 anti-degradation 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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