

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0030139

The applicant's mailing address is:

State of New Mexico Department of Game & Fish  
Los Ojos State Trout Hatchery  
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The discharge from this facility, located at Hatchery Road #1, approximately 2-miles south of Los Ojos, in Rio Arriba County, New Mexico, is to Upper Laguna del Campo and/or Laguna del Campo, thence to the La Puente Irrigation Ditch, thence to the Rio Chama in Segment 20.6.4.119 of the Rio Grande Basin.

The designated uses of the Rio Chama are domestic water supply, fish culture, high quality coldwater aquatic life, irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habit, public water supply and primary contact. Under the primary Standard Industrial Classification Code 0921, the applicant operates a finfish hatchery raising rainbow and brown trout for stocking in lakes and/or streams.

This is a renewal of a permit issued July 11, 2006, with an effective date of September 1, 2006, and an expiration date of August 31, 2011.

Changes from the previous permit are:

1. The permit establishes total phosphorus and total nitrogen limits, each with a compliance schedule.
2. Mass loading limitations for technology-based TSS and SS have been eliminated.
3. Outfall 002 has been relocated.

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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New Mexico Environment Department  
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