

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0030147

The applicant's mailing address is:

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The permittee is authorized to discharge from a facility located at the end of State Highway 515, approximately 10-miles northwest of the intersection with State Highway 522 and approximately 5-miles downriver (southwest) from the town of Questa, in Taos County, New Mexico. The discharge from the facility is from three outfalls, all directly to the Red River in segment number 20.6.4.122 of the Rio Grande Basin. The designated uses of the receiving waters as stated in NMAC 20.6.4 are coldwater aquatic life, fish culture, irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, and primary contact. Under the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code 0921, the applicant operates a finfish hatchery raising rainbow and brown trout for stocking in lakes and/or streams. The operation consists of spring water collection galleries feeding a series of production raceways, a hatchery building, a show pond, and settling ponds. Changes to the draft permit include an increase in the effluent to 12.56 MGD, removal of mass limits for TSS, inclusion of refined coordinates for all outfalls, deauthorization of chlorine discharge, testing requirements for nonylphenols and manganese and limits for aluminum.

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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