

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0030163

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Under the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code 0921, the applicant operates a finfish hatchery raising rainbow trout for stocking in lakes and/or streams. The facility described in the application produces an average harvestable weight of 60,000 pounds of rainbow trout per year using 6000 pounds maximum monthly food.

The discharge from the hatchery is to Whitewater Creek thence to the San Francisco River in stream segment 20.6.4.603. The designated uses for Whitewater Creek, New Mexico Administrative Code are domestic water supply, fish culture, high quality coldwater aquatic life, irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, and primary contact.

Outfall 001 - Latitude 33° 19' 14" North, Longitude 108° 52' 50" West
Outfall 002 - Latitude 33° 19' 15" North, Longitude 108° 52' 48" West

Changes from the previous permit are as follows:

1. The permit establishes more stringent pH requirements.
2. The permit adds monitoring for total aluminum.

This is a renewal of a permit issued December 14, 2007, with an effective date of January 1, 2008, and an expiration date of December 31, 2012.

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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