

AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES,
NPDES PERMIT NO. NM0030180.

The applicant's mailing address is:

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Under the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code(s) 1221, the applicant operates a postoperative coal mine area. A portion of the mine has received Phase III bond release and the remainder is in Phase II bond release. On-going activities include routine inspection and sampling of monitoring wells and impoundments, vegetative cover sampling, and ground inspections. Activities may also include the breaching or removal of temporary impoundments after sediment control release is obtained. Ancho Mine is located in York Canyon, end of N.M. Highway 555, Colfax County, New Mexico. Discharges of mine drainage are to various streams named Salyers Canyon, Ancho Canyon, Gachupin Canyon, Brackett Canyon, and Vermejo River in the Segment No. 20.6.4.309 of Canadian River Basin.

The changes from the current permit issued May 31, 2009, with an effective date of July 1, 2009, and an expiration date of June 30, 2014, include:

1. Removal of monitoring requirements for dissolved aluminum;
2. Modification of Sediment Control Plan (SCP) conditions to require submittal of approved SCP under the mining permit;
3. Change Reclamation Inspection reporting requirement to be annually and be part of Sediment Control Plan; and
4. Requirements of sampling for effluent characteristics report.

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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