

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0030414

The applicant's mailing address is:

Rio del Oro Wastewater Treatment Facility
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The facility is authorized to discharge from a facility located at 1 PNM Access Road, Los Lunas, Valencia County, New Mexico, from Outfall 001 located at Latitude 34° 43' 28.34" North, Longitude 106° 42' 21.46" West. Discharges from the facility for the described activities are to the arroyo La Canada de La Loma de Arena thence to La Constanca Ditch, thence to the Rio Grande, State of New Mexico Segment No.20.6.4.105 of the Rio Grande Basin. The known uses of the receiving water(s) are aquatic life, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, and primary contact.

Under the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code 4952, the applicant operates a private domestic wastewater treatment plant with a design capacity of 0.3 million gallons per day (MGD).

This is a renewal of a permit issued March 22, 2010, with an effective date of April 1, 2010, and an expiration date of March 31, 2015.

Changes from the previous permit are:

1. BOD5 and TSS percent removal limits have been added, in accordance with secondary treatment requirements at 40 CFR 133.102.
2. BOD5 and TSS monitoring frequencies have been reduced to twice a month based on compliance history and in accordance with NMIP.
3. Reduced TRC monitoring to five times a week in accordance with NMIP, based on design capacity.
4. E.coli TMDL has been incorporated in the proposed permit.

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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