

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0030724

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The discharge from this facility, located at 138 Paa-ko Dr. Sandia Park, Bernalillo County, New Mexico. Under SIC Code 4952, the applicant operates a privately owned domestic wastewater treatment plant with a design flow rate of 0.13 MGD providing sanitary services for approximately 600 residents. The discharge from the facility is to Unnamed ephemeral arroyo (NMAC 20.6.4.98) thence to San Pedro Creek (NMAC 20.6.4.125), to Rio Grande Basin. Designated uses of the receiving water are cold water aquatic life, livestock watering, primary contact and wildlife habitat.

This is a renewal of a permit issued March 2, 2007, with an effective date of May 1, 2007, and an expiration date of March 31, 2012.

Changes from the previous permit are:

Increase of loading limits for BOD and TSS as the design flow has been increased.
Measurement frequency of pH has changed from 2/month to 5/week.
Measurement frequency of flow has changed from when discharging to daily.
Measurement frequency of TRC has changed from daily to 5/week.
The reporting requirement for E coli has been dropped.
Using Pimephales promelas in the Whole Effluent Toxicity test has been dropped.

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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