

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0030864

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The discharge from this facility is located at 1001 Sunset Ridge Road, Sierra County, New Mexico. Under the SIC code 4952, the applicant operates a publicly owned WWTP. The facility has a design flow capacity of 0.6 MGD providing sanitary services for approximately 1,000 residents. The discharge from the facility is to Cuchillo Negro Creek (20.6.4.98 NMAC), Rio Grande River Basin. Designated uses of the receiving water(s) are livestock watering, wildlife habitat, marginal warmwater aquatic life and primary contact.

This is a renewal of a permit issued on June 26, 2007, with an effective date of August 1, 2007, and an expiration date of July 31, 2012.

Changes from the previous permit are:

- Measurement frequency of pH has changed from 3/month to 5/week.
- Measurement frequency of TRC has changed from daily to 5/week.
- Measurement frequency of BOD, TSS and E. coli bacteria have changed from 3/month to 2/month.
- Receiving water has changed from ephemeral to intermittent.

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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