

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0031020

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The discharge from this facility, located in Section 16, Township 13 N, Range 8W approximately 5 miles northwest of San Mateo, NM, discharges to an unnamed arroyo, thence to San Mateo Creek, thence to the Rio San Jose thence the Rio Puerco thence to the Rio Grande in Segment No. 20.6.4.105 of the Rio Grande Basin in McKinley County, NM.

The designated uses of the Mora River are irrigation, marginal warmwater aquatic life, livestock watering, wildlife habitat and secondary contact. Under the primary Standard Industrial Classification Code 1094, the permit will be used to study the feasibility of a uranium mine site. This permit will only authorize the discharge of water well testing to be used in assessing baseline groundwater sampling in support of a New Mexico State Mining and Minerals Division (MMD) permit application for a uranium mine. Should a mine permit be applied for and granted by the MMD, any and all mine wastewater discharges including subsequent monitoring well discharges shall require a new NPDES permit.

This is a first-time issuance.