

## JOINT NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

by the

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Comment Period Closes: April 15, 2016

The U.S. EPA is issuing a notice of proposed action under the Clean Water Act. The USEPA is proposing to issue National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit renewals to U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for the following facilities, subject to certain effluent limitations and special conditions:

(1) BIA Jeehdeez'a Academy Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) - NPDES Permit No. NN0030337

The Jeehdeez'a Academy WWTF is located in Low Mountain, about 63 miles northwest of Window Rock, Navajo County, Arizona within the central portion of the Navajo Nation. The WWTF serves a population of 200 and receives only domestic wastewater with a design flow of 0.01 million gallons per day ("MGD"). Treatment consists of a two-cell, gravity-flow evaporation system with no mechanical aeration, chlorination and dechlorination prior to discharge. No discharge had been reported in 10 years. In the event of a discharge, treated effluent flows to Tse Chizzi Wash, a tributary to Polacca Wash, a tributary to the Little Colorado River.

(2) U.S. BIA Lukachukai Community School WWTF - NPDES Permit No. NN0030339

The Lukachukai Community School WWTF is located about 60 miles north of Window Rock, Arizona in Lukachukai, Apache County, Arizona within the central portion of the Navajo Nation. The WWTF serves a population of 450 and receives only domestic wastewater with a design flow of 0.02 MGD. Treatment consists of a 4-cell, gravity-flow evaporation system with no mechanical aeration. No discharge had been reported in 8 years. In the event of a discharge, treated effluent flows to Tohotso Creek, a tributary to the Lukachukai Wash, a tributary to the Chinle Wash, a tributary to the San Juan River.

EPA is soliciting comments on the proposal. EPA will consider all comments received during comment period before taking final action. To submit comments, or to obtain additional information including the proposed permits and administrative records, please contact:

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\*\*\*Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons who would be interested in this matter. \*\*\*