

## JOINT NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

by the

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)  
Region 9  
75 Hawthorne Street  
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Navajo Nation EPA  
NPDES Program  
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Comment Period Closes: December 23, 2015

The U.S. EPA is issuing a notice of proposed action under the Clean Water Act. The USEPA is proposing to issue a renewal to National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES Permit No. NN0020958) to:

U.S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)  
Navajo Regional Office  
Division of Environmental, Cultural, and Safety Management  
P.O. Box 1060  
Gallup, New Mexico 87305

The BIA Wingate High School wastewater treatment facility is located at the intersection of Shush Drive and Highway 400, in the community of Fort Wingate, McKinley County, New Mexico, within the southeastern portion of the Navajo Nation. The treatment facility serves a population of approximately 800, receiving only domestic sewage with a design flow of 0.1 million gallons per day. The facility discharges continuously when the school is in full session, and experiences intermittent or no discharge when school is out.

Treatment consists of a three-cell, gravity flow evaporation system with aeration, polishing and evaporation, and disinfection by chlorination and dechlorination prior to discharge. The proposed permit will regulate the discharge of treated effluent from the lagoon treatment plant to an unnamed wash of the Puerco River, a tributary of the Lower Colorado 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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