

AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES,
NPDES PERMIT NO. NM0000108.

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Under Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code(s) 4911, the applicant currently operates the Rio Grande power plant in Sunland Park, Dona Ana County, NM. Discharges from two outfalls flow into Rio Grande in segment number 20.6.4.101 of the Rio Grande Basin. The designated uses of the receiving water(s) in Segment 20.6.4.101 of Rio Grande Basin are irrigation, marginal warmwater aquatic life, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, and secondary contact. A Statement of Basis is available.

There are changes from the current permit issued October 27, 2003, with an effective date of December 1, 2003, and an expiration date of September 30, 2008.

1. Delete Internal Outfalls 206, 207, and 208;
2. Add seasonal monitoring requirements for total dissolved solids, sulfate and chloride;
3. Change pH range from 6.0 – 9.0 to 6.6 – 9.0; and
4. Removal of temperature limitations and monitoring requirements.