

AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES,
NPDES PERMIT NO. NM0000205.

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As described in the application, the York Canyon Mine is located in York Canyon, at the end of N.M. Highway 555, Colfax County, New Mexico. Discharges of storm water runoff are to York Canyon, thence to the Vermejo River, thence to the Canadian River in Segment No. 20.6.4.305 of the Canadian River Basin. The designated uses of York Canyon are wildlife habitat, livestock watering, limited aquatic life, and secondary contact. Under the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code 1221, the applicant operates a post-operative coal mine area. The York Canyon Complex is currently in the reclamation mode. This proposed permit is authorizing discharges of storm runoffs from reclamation areas. It is proposed that the current permit be reissued for a five-year term.

There are significant changes from the current permit issued December 30, 2002, with an effective date of February 1, 2003, and an expiration date of January 31, 2008:

1. Delete Outfall 004;
2. Delete monitoring requirements for human health-based pollutants of concern; and
3. Delete effluent limitations and monitoring requirements for selenium and vanadium.