

AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES,
NPDES PERMIT NO. NM0030996.

The applicant's mailing address is:

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Under the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code 1221, the applicant operates a coal mine. The facility is located 35 miles north of Milan, off State Road 509, Grants, in McKinley County, NM. Discharges are into Kim-me-ni-oli Valley Tributary, thence into Chaco River, a tributary of San Juan River which is about 100 miles north-west of the El Segundo Mine. Both Kim-me-ni-oli Valley Tributary and Chaco River are ephemeral streams.

This is a new facility and has not had discharges. To collect effluent characteristics information, the proposed permit requires sampling of mine drainages from 28 authorized sediment ponds. One outfall (Outfall 018) is authorized to discharge treated domestic wastewater. The statement of basis is available.