

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0020711

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The discharge from this facility is located at 1700 North Rock Island Street, Tucumcari in Quay County, New Mexico. Under the SIC code 4952, the applicant operates Tucumcari Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF), which has a design flow of 1.2 MGD providing sanitary services for approximately 2267 resident and 508 commercial wastewater connections, including one significant industrial user. The effluent is conveyed by underground pipe for about two miles to Breen's Pond, overflow from the pond is discharged to No Name Creek. The creek, a perennial stream, travels about one mile to reach Pajarito Creek, a perennial tributary to the Canadian River (Segment 20.6.4.303 NMAC). The designated uses of the receiving water are stated in the fact sheet.

This is a renewal of a permit previously issued on August 18, 2015, with an effective date of October 1, 2015, and an expiration date of September 30, 2020.

Changes from the previous permit are:

- New limits for DO and methylmercury have been added.
- Compliance schedule has been revised.
- Monitoring of toxic pollutants and O&G have been added.
- WET limitation has been removed.

A fact sheet is available.

State Certification

This Notice also serves as Public Notice of the intent of the New Mexico Environment Department, Surface Water Quality Bureau to consider issuing Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 Certification. The purpose of such certification is to reasonably ensure that the permitted activities will be conducted in a manner that will comply with applicable New Mexico water quality standards, including the antidegradation policy, and the statewide water quality management plan. The NPDES permit will not be issued until the certification requirements of Section 401 have been met.

If you want to comment on State Certification submit written comments within the 30 day period to:

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