

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0030520

The applicant's mailing address is:

Jicarilla Apache Utility Authority
Dulce Wastewater Treatment Plant
290 Narrow Gauge Road
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Under the Standard Industrial Classification Code 4952, the applicant currently operates a domestic wastewater treatment facility. The Dulce Wastewater Treatment Plant consists of headworks, two sequencing batch reactors, a flow-through ultraviolet (UV) system and an aerobic digester. Only air is added to the batch reactors. No additional chemicals are added by the facility during treatment. The facility has a design flow capacity of 0.6 MGD and discharges to Amargo Creek in the San Juan River Basin. The single outfall of the facility is to Amargo Creek at Outfall 001 located at Latitude 36° 56' 47.77" North, Longitude 107° 01' 13.2" West.

Changes from the permit previously issued on June 24, 2019, with an effective date of August 1, 2019, and an expiration date of July 31, 2024, are as follow:

1. Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) pollutant scan requirements has been added to the draft permit.
2. Added influent data reporting requirements for BOD and TSS on DMRs.
3. Total unfiltered phosphorous limit has been incorporated in the draft permit.

A fact sheet is available.

State Certification

The 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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