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## PUBLIC NOTICE

# Groundwater Discharge Permits Proposed for Approval

## December 15, 2023

Dear Interested Party,

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Ground Water Quality Bureau (GWQB) hereby provides notice that the following Groundwater Discharge Permits have been proposed for approval. NMED will allow 30 days after the date of publication of this notice (or as otherwise provided below) for submittal of written comments and/or a request for a public hearing for a permitting action. You can add the comment period to your calendar through our Events Calendar located at <https://www.env.nm.gov/events-calendar/>. You can now submit your comments online using the Public Comment Portal located at <https://nmed.commentinput.com/>. Requests for public hearing shall be in writing and shall set forth the reasons why a hearing should be held. A hearing will be held if NMED determines that there is substantial public interest. After the administrative record for a permitting action is complete and all required information is available, NMED will approve, approve with conditions, or disapprove the Permit based on the administrative record.

NMED maintains a Public Involvement Plan (PIP) for each permitting action to plan for providing public participation opportunities and information that may be needed for the community to participate in a permitting process. PIPs may be viewed on-line at <https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/>, at the NMED field office nearest to the proposed permitted activity, or by contacting the NMED Permit Contact identified below. NMED also maintains facility-specific mailing lists for persons wishing to receive associated notices for a permitting action.

To learn more about a Discharge Permit and the permitting process, to be placed on a facility-specific mailing list, or to obtain a copy of a draft permit or PIP, please contact the NMED Permit Contact at the telephone number or address provided below. Draft permits may be viewed on-line at <https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/> under the tab for the facility's county. Comments or a request for hearing regarding a draft permit should be addressed to the GWQB, PO Box 5469, Santa Fe, NM 87502-5469, or emailed to the NMED Permit Contact.

If you are a non-English speaker, do not speak English well, or if you have a disability, you may contact the NMED Permit Contact to request assistance, an interpreter, or an auxiliary aid in order to learn more about a

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Discharge Permit or the permitting process, or to participate in activities associated with the permitting process. To the extent possible, NMED will arrange for requested interpretation services and accommodations or services for persons with disabilities. Telephone conversation assistance is available through Relay New Mexico at no charge for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have difficulty speaking on the phone, by calling 1-800-659-1779; Spanish: 1-800-327-1857; TTY users: 1-800-659-8331. Telephone interpretation assistance for persons that are a non-English speaker or do not speak English well is available at no charge when calling NMED.

NMED does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability, age or sex in the administration of its programs or activities, as required by applicable laws and regulations. NMED is responsible for coordination of compliance efforts and receipt of inquiries concerning non-discrimination requirements implemented by 40 C.F.R. Parts 5 and 7, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and Section 13 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972. If you have any questions about this notice or any of NMED's non-discrimination programs, policies or procedures, you may contact: Kate Cardenas, Non-Discrimination Coordinator, New Mexico Environment Department, 1190 St. Francis Dr., Suite N4050, P.O. Box 5469, Santa Fe, NM 87502, (505) 827-2855, [nd.coordinator@env.nm.gov](mailto:nd.coordinator@env.nm.gov). If you believe that you have been discriminated against with respect to a NMED program or activity, you may contact the Non-Discrimination Coordinator identified above or visit our website at <https://www.env.nm.gov/general/environmental-justice-in-new-mexico/> to learn how and where to file a complaint of discrimination.

Enclosure: Groundwater Discharge Permits Proposed for Approval



## Discharge Permit: DP-1329, Bernalillo County Metropolitan Detention Center Waste Water Treatment Plant

- County: Bernalillo | Closest City: Albuquerque
- Applicant: Joel Berman, Manager, Plant Operations Division, 4201 2nd Street SW, Albuquerque, NM 87105.
- NMED Permit Contact: Andrew Romero, Water Resource Professional, [AndrewC.Romero@env.nm.gov](mailto:AndrewC.Romero@env.nm.gov) or [pps.general@env.nm.gov](mailto:pps.general@env.nm.gov), Telephone: 505-660-8624 or 505-827-2900.
- Draft permits may be viewed on-line at <https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/> under the tab for the facility's county.
- The Public Involvement Plan may be viewed online at <https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/> or at the NMED office in Albuquerque: 121 Tijeras Ave, NE, Suite 1000, Albuquerque, NM 87102.
- Written comments or requests for a hearing for DP-1329 accepted until 5:00 p.m. MST, January 15, 2024.

**Notice:** DP-1329, Bernalillo County Metropolitan Detention Center WWTP: Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority proposes to renew the Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 212,600 gallons per day of domestic wastewater to a treatment and disposal system. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include nitrogen compounds. The facility is located at 5800 Shelly Road SW, Albuquerque, in Sections 17 and 18, Township 09 North, Range 01 East, Bernalillo County. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 855 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of 756 milligrams per liter.

## Discharge Permit: DP-254, City of Raton Wastewater Treatment Facility

- County: Colfax | Closest City: Raton
- Applicant: City of Raton, Lloyd Wakefield, Utility Director, P.O. Box 99, Raton, NM 87740
- NMED Permit Contact: Avery Young, Domestic Waste Team Lead, [Avery.Young@env.nm.gov](mailto:Avery.Young@env.nm.gov) or [pps.general@env.nm.gov](mailto:pps.general@env.nm.gov), Telephone: 505-699-8564 or 505-827-2900.
- Draft permits may be viewed on-line at <https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/> under the tab for the facility's county.
- The Public Involvement Plan may be viewed online at <https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/> or at the NMED office in Raton: 1277A S. Second Street, Raton, NM 88740.
- Written comments or requests for a hearing for DP-254 accepted until 5:00 p.m. MST, January 15, 2024.

**Notice:** DP-254, City of Raton Wastewater Treatment Facility: City of Raton proposes to renew the Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 620,000 gallons per day of domestic wastewater to a treatment and disposal system. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include nitrogen compounds. The facility is located at 444 Hereford Avenue, Raton, in Section 31 (projected), Township 31 north, Range 24 east, Sections 25 and 26 (projected), Township 31 North, Range 23 East, and Section 31 (projected), Township 31 North, Range 24 East, Colfax County. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 20 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of 3,660 to 4,600 milligrams per liter.



## Discharge Permit: DP-1968, City of Raton Waste Water Treatment Facility Sludge Disposal Site

- County: Colfax | Closest City: Raton
- Applicant: City of Raton, LLOYD Wakefield, Utility Director, P.O. Box 99, Raton, NM 87740
- NMED Permit Contact: Avery Young, Domestic Waste Team Lead, [Avery.Young@env.nm.gov](mailto:Avery.Young@env.nm.gov) or [pps.general@env.nm.gov](mailto:pps.general@env.nm.gov), Telephone: 505-699-8564 or 505-827-2900.
- Draft permits may be viewed on-line at <https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/> under the tab for the facility's county.
- The Public Involvement Plan may be viewed online at <https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/> or at the NMED office in Raton: 1277A S. Second Street, Raton, NM 88740.
- Written comments or requests for a hearing for DP-1968 accepted until 5:00 p.m. MST, January 15, 2024.

**Notice:** DP-1968, City of Raton WWTF Sludge Disposal Site: City of Raton proposes the Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 100,000 gallons per day of domestic WWTF sludge to a disposal system. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include nitrogen, organic, and inorganic compounds. The facility is located at 444 Hereford Ave, Raton, in Section 6 (projected), Township 30 North, Range 24 East, Colfax County. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 20 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of 2,500 to 10,000 milligrams per liter.

## Discharge Permit: DP-1964, Jurado, Inc.

- County: Doña Ana | Closest City: Las Cruces
- Applicant: Pete Jurado, President, 300 S. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM 88007
- NMED Permit Contact: Aracely Tellez, Water Resource Professional, [Aracely.Tellez@env.nm.gov](mailto:Aracely.Tellez@env.nm.gov) or [acs.general@env.nm.gov](mailto:acs.general@env.nm.gov), Telephone: 505-629-8864 or 505-827-2900.
- Draft permits may be viewed on-line at <https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/> under the tab for the facility's county.
- The Public Involvement Plan may be viewed online at <https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/> or at the NMED office in Las Cruces: 2301 Entrada Del Sol, Las Cruces, NM 88001.
- Written comments or requests for a hearing for DP-1964 accepted until 5:00 p.m. MST, January 15, 2024.

**Notice:** DP-1964, Jurado Inc.: Pete Jurado proposes the Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 12,000 gallons per day of wastewater from the production area of a chile facility. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include nitrogen compounds. The facility and discharge locations are located at 300 South Motel Blvd, Las Cruces, in Section 23, Township 23 South, Range 01 East, Dona Ana County. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 36 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of 904 milligrams per liter.



**Discharge Permit: DP-459, Santa Rita Open Pit; North In-Pit Leach Stockpile; the 9, Lee Hill, East In-Pit Road, South In-Pit Road, 3A, Highway to Heaven, Northeast, North, and Northwest Waste Rock Stockpiles**

- County: Grant | Closest City: Bayard
- Applicant: Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company, Randy Ellison, General Manager, PO Box 10, Bayard, NM 88023.
- NMED Permit Contact: Jordan Anderson, Geologist, [Jordan.Anderson@env.nm.gov](mailto:Jordan.Anderson@env.nm.gov) or [mecs.general@env.nm.gov](mailto:mecs.general@env.nm.gov), Telephone: 505-660-8908 or 505-827-2900.
- Draft permits may be viewed on-line at <https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/> under the tab for the facility's county.
- The Public Involvement Plan may be viewed online at <https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/> or at the NMED office in Silver City: 3082 32nd Street Bypass, Suite D, Silver City 88061.
- Written comments or requests for a hearing for DP-459 accepted until 5:00 p.m. MST, January 15, 2024.

**Notice:** DP-459: Randy B. Ellison, General Manager, Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company, proposes to renew and modify the existing Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 7,128,000 gallons per day of acidic leach solution (raffinate) applied for leaching copper from one stockpile. The modification consists of incorporation of permitted mine units and associated infrastructure from DP-1568 including the Lee Hill Sub-Pit and authorization to operate the Lee Hill Stockpile as a waste rock stockpile. The modification no longer includes the previously permitted raffinate discharge volume of 22,000,000 gallons per day from DP-1568 or authorization to leach the Lee Hill Stockpile. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include total dissolved solids, sulfate, and metals. The facility is located 3 miles NE of Bayard, in Sections 23, 26-28, 33-35, Township 17 South, Range 12 West, and Sections 2, 3 and 10, Township 18 South, Range 12 West, Grant County. Groundwater most likely to be affected ranges in depth from approximately 22 to 276 feet and has a pre-discharge TDS concentration of approximately 220 milligrams per liter.

## Discharge Permit: DP-1959, Rancho Ontiveros

- County: Lea | Closest City: Hobbs
- Applicant: Excalibur Oilfield Services, LLC, Edgar Ontiveros, President, P.O. Box 507, Eunice, NM 88231
- NMED Permit Contact: Jennifer Fullam, Reuse Team Lead, [Jennifer.Fullam@env.nm.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Fullam@env.nm.gov) or [pps.general@env.nm.gov](mailto:pps.general@env.nm.gov), Telephone: 505-670-2496 or 505-827-2900.
- Draft permits may be viewed on-line at <https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/> under the tab for the facility's county.
- The Public Involvement Plan may be viewed online at <https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/> or at the NMED office in Hobbs: 2120 N. Alto, Hobbs, NM 88240.
- Written comments or requests for a hearing for DP-1959 accepted until 5:00 p.m. MST, January 15, 2024.

**Notice:** DP-1959, Rancho Ontiveros: Excalibur Oilfield Services, LLC proposes the Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 2.0 million gallons per day of reclaimed domestic wastewater for irrigation of cropland. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include nitrogen compounds. The facility is located at 2398 E Nadine Road, approximately five miles south of Hobbs, in Sections 35 and 36, Township 19 South, Range 38 East, Lea County. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 65 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of 380 milligrams per liter.

## Discharge Permit: DP-230, City of Espanola Wastewater Treatment Plant

- County: Rio Arriba | Closest City: Española
- Applicant: City of Espanola, The Honorable John Vigil, Mayor, 405 N. Paseo de Oñate, Espanola, NM 87532.
- NMED Permit Contact: Andrew Romero, Water Resource Professional, [AndrewC.Romero@env.nm.gov](mailto:AndrewC.Romero@env.nm.gov) or [pps.general@env.nm.gov](mailto:pps.general@env.nm.gov), Telephone: 505-660-8624 or 505-827-2900.
- Draft permits may be viewed on-line at <https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/> under the tab for the facility's county.
- The Public Involvement Plan may be viewed online at <https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/> or at the NMED office in Española: 712 La Joya Street, Española, NM 87532.
- Written comments or requests for a hearing for DP-230 accepted until 5:00 p.m. MST, January 15, 2024.

**Notice:** DP-230, City of Espanola Wastewater Treatment Plant: The City of Española proposes to renew the Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 99,000 gallons per day of domestic wastewater sludge to a disposal area. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include nitrogen compounds. The facility is located at 308 Lower San Pedro Road, Española, in Section 10, Township 20 North, Range 08 East, Rio Arriba County. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 10 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of 184 milligrams per liter.



## Discharge Permit: DP-941, Portales Dairy Products, LLC

- County: Roosevelt | Closest City: Portales
- Applicant: Kaylan Kennel, Plant Manager, 1820 South Industrial Drive, Portales, NM, 88130
- NMED Permit Contact: Amanda Otieno, Water Resource Professional, [Amanda.Otieno@env.nm.gov](mailto:Amanda.Otieno@env.nm.gov) or [acs.general@env.nm.gov](mailto:acs.general@env.nm.gov), Telephone: 505-819-1219 or 505-827-2900.
- Draft permits may be viewed on-line at <https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/> under the tab for the facility's county.
- The Public Involvement Plan may be viewed online at <https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/> or at the NMED office in Clovis: 100 E Manana, Unit 3, Clovis, NM 88101.
- Written comments or requests for a hearing for DP-941 accepted until 5:00 p.m. MST, January 15, 2024.

**Notice:** DP-941, Portales Dairy Products, LLC, proposes to renew the Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 1,436,000 gallons per day of wastewater from the production area of a milk processing facility. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include nitrogen compounds. The facility and one discharge site - PDP, is located at 1820 South Industrial Drive, Portales, NM 88130, in Section 4 and 5, Township 2 South, Range 34 East, Roosevelt County. Kizer Field discharge locations are in Sections 12 and 13, Township 2 South, Range 33 East, and Sections 7 and 18, Township 2 South and Range 34 East, Roosevelt County. Levacy Fields discharge locations are in Section 5, Township 2 South, Range 34 East, Roosevelt County. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 69 feet at PDP site and 24 feet at Kizer Field and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of 2,400 milligrams per liter.





## Discharge Permit: DP-1108, Cienega Mobile Home Park Association

- County: Santa Fe | Closest City: Santa Fe
- Applicant: Cienega Mobile Home LLC, Rudolph Rodriguez, Manager, P.O. Box 6926, Santa Fe, NM 87502.
- NMED Permit Contact: Andrew Romero, Water Resource Professional, [AndrewC.Romero@env.nm.gov](mailto:AndrewC.Romero@env.nm.gov) or [pps.general@env.nm.gov](mailto:pps.general@env.nm.gov), Telephone: 505-660-8624 or 505-827-2900.
- Draft permits may be viewed on-line at <https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/> under the tab for the facility's county.
- The Public Involvement Plan may be viewed online at <https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/> or at the NMED office in Santa Fe: 540 Camino Edward Ortiz, Santa Fe, NM 87507.
- Written comments or requests for a hearing for DP-1108 accepted until 5:00 p.m. MST, January 15, 2024.

**Notice:** DP-1108, Cienega Mobile Home Park Association: Cienega Mobile Home LLC proposes to renew the Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 6,000 gallons per day of domestic wastewater to a treatment and disposal system. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include nitrogen compounds. The facility is located at 86 Paseo C de Baca, La Cienega, in Section 6, Township 15 North, Range 08 East, Santa Fe County. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 26 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of 150 to 600 milligrams per liter.

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