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PUBLIC NOTICE

Groundwater Discharge Permits Proposed for Approval

August 22, 2025

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-notice/>, 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-notice/> 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.

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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. 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-530, Sandia National Laboratory

- County: Bernalillo | Closest City: Albuquerque
- Applicant: William V. Wechsler, U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)/National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA)/Sandia Field Office (SFO), PO Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185-0184
- NMED Permit Contact: Melanie Sandoval, UIC and Industrial Team Leader, Melanie.Sandoval2@env.nm.gov or pps.general@env.nm.gov, Telephone: 505-660-7892 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.
- Written comments or requests for a hearing for DP-530 accepted until 5:00 p.m. MST, September 22, 2025.

Notice: DP-530, Sandia National Laboratory: The U.S. Department of Energy and the National Nuclear Security Administration propose to renew the Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 2,000 gallons per day of industrial wastewater to a treatment and disposal system. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include organic compounds. The facility is located near the intersection of 9th St. and V St., Kirtland Air Force Base, in Section 5, T09N, R04E, Bernalillo County. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 300 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of 353 to 1,022 milligrams per liter.

Discharge Permit: DP-238, Village of Maxwell Wastewater Treatment Facility

- County: Colfax | Closest City: Maxwell
- Applicant: Village of Maxwell, Shantelle Gallegos, Mayor, P.O. Box 356, Maxwell, NM 87728.
- NMED Permit Contact: Haylea Nisbet, Water Resource Professional, Haylea.Nisbet@env.nm.gov or pps.general@env.nm.gov, Telephone: 505-795-2831 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-238 accepted until 5:00 p.m. MST, September 22, 2025.

Notice: DP-238, Village of Maxwell Wastewater Treatment Facility: Village of Maxwell proposes to renew and modify the Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 22,000 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 on Chico Road, approximately ½ mile east of Maxwell, in projected Section 31, Township 27 North, Range 23 East, Colfax County. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 25 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of 2,500 milligrams per liter.

Discharge Permit: DP-1281, West Mesa/Santa Teresa Wastewater Treatment Facility

- County: Doña Ana | Closest City: Santa Teresa
- Applicant: Camino Real Regional Utility Authority (CRRUA), Juan Carlos Crosby, Executive Director, P.O. Box 429, Sunland Park, NM 88063.
- NMED Permit Contact: Gerald Knutson, Water Resource Professional, Gerald.Knutson@env.nm.gov or pps.general@env.nm.gov, Telephone: 505-660-7189 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-1281 accepted until 5:00 p.m. MST, September 22, 2025.

Notice: DP-1281, West Mesa/Santa Teresa Wastewater Treatment Facility: CRRUA proposes to renew the Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 450,000 gallons per day of municipal wastewater to a treatment and disposal system. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include nitrogen compounds. The facility is located at 4770 Pete Domenici Highway, approximately 2.5 miles southwest of Santa Teresa, in Section 30, Township 28 South, Range 03 East, Doña Ana County. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 315 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of 500 to 1,000 milligrams per liter.

Discharge Permit: DP-1536, City of Las Cruces East Mesa Water Reclamation Facility

- County: Doña Ana | Closest City: Las Cruces
- Applicant: City of Las Cruces, Adrienne L. Widmer, Utilities Director, P.O. Box 20000, Las Cruces, NM 88004
- NMED Permit Contact: Kambray Townsend, Water Resource Professional, kambray.townsend@env.nm.gov or pps.general@env.nm.gov, Telephone: 505-538-0497 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-1536 accepted until 5:00 p.m. MST, September 22, 2025.

Notice: DP-1536, East Mesa Water Reclamation Facility: The City of Las Cruces proposes to renew and modify the Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 1.4 million gallons per day of domestic wastewater from a treatment system to reuse areas. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include nitrogen compounds. The facility is located at 5150 East Lohman Ave, Las Cruces, in Section 2 and 3, Township 23 South, Range 02 East, and the reuse areas are located in Sections 4, 5, 9, and 11, Township 23 South, Range 02 East, , Doña Ana County. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 318-424 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of 237 to 1,250 milligrams per liter.

Discharge Permit: DP-375, Artesia Country Club

- County: Eddy | Closest City: Artesia
- Applicant: Artesia Country Club, Nathan Bowser, Superintendent, P.O. Box 1305, Artesia, NM 88210
- NMED Permit Contact: Kambray Townsend, Water Resource Professional, kambray.townsend@env.nm.gov or pps.general@env.nm.gov, Telephone: 505-538-0497 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 Roswell: 1914 W. Second Street., Roswell, NM 88201.
- Written comments or requests for a hearing for DP-375 accepted until 5:00 p.m. MST, September 22, 2025.

Notice: DP-375, Artesia Country Club proposes to renew and modify the Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 184,800 gallons per day. Of this, up to 180,000 gallons per day of reclaimed domestic wastewater is proposed to be stored in several holding ponds and applied to the golf course, and up to 4,800 gallons per day of domestic wastewater from the facility is discharged to two septic tank leachfield systems. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include nitrogen compounds. The facility is located at 2701 W. Richey Avenue, approximately 2.8 miles northwest of Artesia, in Section 12, Township 17 South, Range 25 East, Eddy County. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 165 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of 400 milligrams per liter.

Discharge Permit: DP-591, Chino Mine SX/EW Plant and Reservoirs 6 and 7

- County: Grant | Closest City: Silver City
- Applicant: Randy B. Ellison, General Manager, Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company PO Box 10, Bayard, NM 88023
- NMED Permit Contact: Jordan Anderson, Water Resources Professional, Jordan.Anderson@env.nm.gov or 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-591 accepted until 5:00 p.m. MST, September 22, 2025.

Notice: DP-591, Chino Mine Solution Extraction and Electrowinning Plant (SX/EW Plant) and Reservoirs 6 and 7: Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company, proposes to renew the Discharge Permit for up to 43,200,000 gallons per day of process water to the SX/EW Plant and then to permitted leach stockpiles. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include total dissolved solids, sulfate, and metals. The facility is located at 99 Santa Rita Mine Road, Vanadium, in Sections 25 and 26, T17S, R12W in Grant County. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 3 to 297 feet and has a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of approximately 255 milligrams per liter.

Discharge Permit: DP-396, Tyrone Emma Expansion Project and Reclaimed 1C and 7A Waste Rock Stockpile

- County: Grant | Closest City: Tyrone
- Applicant: Randy B. Ellison, General Manager, Freeport-McMoRan Tyrone Inc., PO Box 571, Tyrone, NM 88065
- NMED Permit Contact: Brad Reid, Geologist, Brad.Reid@env.nm.gov or mecs.general@env.nm.gov, Telephone: 575-372-8533 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-396 accepted until 5:00 p.m. MST, September 22, 2025.

Notice: DP-396, Freeport-McMoRan Tyrone Mine, proposes to renew and modify the Discharge Permit for the Tyrone Reclaimed 1C and 7A Waste Rock Stockpile. The modification is to discharge up to 57,600 gallons per day of process water pumped from the Emma Open Pit to the Tyrone process water circuit and construct the Emma Open Pit. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include total dissolved solids, sulfate, and metals. The facility is located at Hwy 90 South, Tyrone Mine Rd, approximately 12 miles southwest of Silver City in Sections 25, 26, 35 and 36, T19S, R15W in Grant County. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 10 to 332 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of approximately 100-500 milligrams per liter.

Discharge Permit: DP-1877, Bonito Valley Brewing Company

- County: Lincoln | Closest City: Lincoln
- Applicant: Melissa Boutte, Business Manager, P.O. Box 81, Lincoln, NM 88338
- NMED Permit Contact: Melanie Sandoval, Geoscientist – Supervisor, UIC and Industrial Team Leader, Melanie.Sandoval2@env.nm.gov or pps.general@env.nm.gov, Telephone: 505-660-7892 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 Ruidoso: 1216 Mechem Drive, Bldg 2, Ruidoso, NM 88345
- Written comments or requests for a hearing for DP-1877 accepted until 5:00 p.m. MST, September 22, 2025.

Notice: DP-1877, Bonito Valley Brewing Company proposes to renew the Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 350 gallons per day of commercial processing and domestic wastewater to a treatment and disposal system. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include nitrogen compounds. The facility is located at 692 Calle la Placita, Lincoln, in Section 29, Township 9 South, Range 16 East, Lincoln County. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 110 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of 733 milligrams per liter.

Discharge Permit: DP-1892, Cutter Lateral Water Treatment Plant

- County: San Juan | Closest City: Bloomfield
- Applicant: David Shoultz, Operations Manager, P.O. Box 170, Fort Defiance, AZ 86504
- NMED Permit Contact: Haylea Nisbet, Water Resource Professional, Haylea.Nisbet@env.nm.gov or pps.general@env.nm.gov, Telephone: 505-795-2831 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 Farmington: 1800 E 30th Street, Suite B, Farmington, NM 87401.
- Written comments or requests for a hearing for DP-1892 accepted until 5:00 p.m. MST, September 22, 2025.

Notice: DP-1892, Cutter Lateral Water Treatment Plant: Navajo Tribal Utility Authority proposes to renew the Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 372,758 gallons per day of industrial wastewater to a treatment and disposal system. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include nitrogen compounds, Total Dissolved Solids and inorganic compounds. The facility is located at 323 Road 7575, approximately 24 miles southeast of Bloomfield, in Section 9, Township 25 North, Range 09 West, San Juan 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 2,200 milligrams per liter.

Discharge Permit: DP-1981, Spaceport America Reverse Osmosis Facility

- County: Sierra | Closest City: Elephant Butte
- Applicant: Spaceport America, Jay Johnson, Facilities Ops Manager, 4605 Research Park Circle Suite A, Las Cruces, NM 88001
- NMED Permit Contact: Gerald Knutson, Water Resource Professional, Gerald.Knutson@env.nm.gov or pps.general@env.nm.gov, Telephone: 505-660-7189 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-1981 accepted until 5:00 p.m. MST, September 22, 2025.

Notice: DP-1981, Spaceport America Reverse Osmosis Facility has applied for a Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 530 gallons per day of reject reverse osmosis water to a disposal system. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include total dissolved solids and chloride. The facility is located at County Road A021, approximately 20 miles southeast of Elephant Butte, in Section 18 and 19, Township 15 South, Range 01 West, Sierra County. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 160 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of 1,190 milligrams per liter.

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