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## PUBLIC NOTICE

# Groundwater Discharge Permit Applications Submitted to the Department for Review

### March 31, 2023

Dear Interested Party,

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Ground Water Quality Bureau (GWQB) hereby provides notice pursuant to 20.6.2.3108 NMAC that the following Groundwater Discharge Permit applications have been submitted to NMED for review. Provided the applicant has met applicable requirements, NMED will propose for approval a Discharge Permit containing limitations, monitoring requirements, and other conditions intended to protect groundwater quality for present and potential future use.

NMED will accept comments and statements of interest regarding the application and will create a facility specific mailing list for persons who wish to receive future notices. NMED is developing a Public Involvement Plan (PIP) to provide public participation opportunities and information that may be needed for the community to participate in the permitting process. The PIP will be posted online at <https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/> and placed at the NMED field office nearest to the proposed permitted activity. To learn more about a Discharge Permit and the permitting process or to be placed on a facility-specific mailing list, please contact the NMED Permit Contact at the telephone number or email address provided or address correspondence to the GWQB, PO Box 5469, Santa Fe, NM 87502-5469.

In the future, NMED will publish a second public notice providing a draft permit and will seek public comment on the draft. You will be able to add the comment period to your calendar simply through our Events Calendar located at <https://www.env.nm.gov/events-calendar/>.

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 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; TTY users: 1-800-659-8331; Spanish: 1-800-327-1857. 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

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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: Kathryn Becker, 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 Permit Applications Submitted for Review



### Discharge Permit: DP-1962, City of Clovis Reuse Locations

- County: Curry | Closest City: Clovis
- Applicant: City of Clovis, Mark Hill, Superintendent, 801 S Norris, Clovis, NM 88101
- NMED Permit Contact: Avery Young, Acting Team Leader, [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.

**Notice:**

DP-1962, City of Clovis Reuse Locations: City of Clovis proposes the Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 4.5 million gallons per day of reclaimed domestic wastewater to reuse locations. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include nitrogen compounds. The facility is located at various locations around the City of Clovis, in Sections 1, 7, 8, 12, 17, 20 and 33, Township 02 North, Range 36 East and Section 32, Township 03 North, Range 36 East, Curry County. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 281 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of 350 milligrams per liter.

### Discharge Permit: DP-1008, Saputo Cheese USA

- County: Doña Ana | Closest City: Las Cruces
- Applicant: Debra Guzman, Director of Environmental Affairs, 10700 Research Drive Wauwatosa, WI 53226
- NMED Permit Contact: Jaben Richards, Acting Agriculture Section Manager, [Jaben.Richards@env.nm.gov](mailto:Jaben.Richards@env.nm.gov) or [acs.general@env.nm.gov](mailto:acs.general@env.nm.gov), Telephone: 505-660-8376 or 505-827-2900.

**Notice:**

DP-1008, Saputo Cheese proposes to renew and modify the Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 670,000 gallons per day of wastewater from the production area of a cheese processing facility. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include nitrogen compounds. The facility and discharge locations are located at 355 Crawford Blvd., approximately 10 miles west of Las Cruces, in Section 35, Township 23 South, Range 01 West and Sections 2 and 10, Township 24 South, Range 01 West, Dona Ana County. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 368 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of 1,061 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 Resources Professional II, [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.

**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-1664, Spaceport America

- County: Sierra | Closest City: Elephant Butte
- Applicant: New Mexico Spaceport Authority, Chris Lopez, Director of Site Operations, 4605 Research Park Circle, Suite A, Las Cruces, NM 88001
- NMED Permit Contact: Gerald Knutson, Environmental Scientist, [gerald.knutson@env.nm.gov](mailto:gerald.knutson@env.nm.gov) or [pps.general@env.nm.gov](mailto:pps.general@env.nm.gov), Telephone: (505) 660-7189 or (505) 827-2900.

**Notice:**

DP-1664, Spaceport America: New Mexico Spaceport Authority proposes to renew the Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 22,500 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 on the left side of County Road 021, approximately 21.5 miles southeast of Elephant Butte, in Sections 28, 33, and 34, Township 15 South, Range 01 West, Sierra County. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 130 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of 1,500 milligrams per liter.

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