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## PUBLIC NOTICE

# Groundwater Discharge Permit Applications Submitted to the Department for Review – Input from Community Members Sought in Development of Public Involvement Plans May 20, 2022

**The public notice dated April 22, 2022, is hereby reissued to correct an issue with the mailed version of the notice.**

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. Your input is sought in the development of the PIP. A Community Member Public Involvement Plan Input Form is available at <https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/>. 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

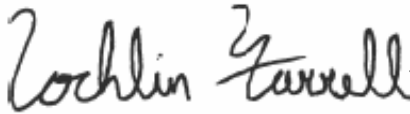
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through Relay New Mexico at no charge for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have difficulty speaking on the phone, by calling 1-800-659-1779; TTY users: 1-800-659-8331; Spanish: 1-800-327-1857. Telephone interpretation assistance for persons 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 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@state.nm.us](mailto:nd.coordinator@state.nm.us). 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.

Sincerely,



Lochlin Farrell  
Ground Water Quality Bureau

### “How can I be of assistance?”

Lochlin is available by telephone during normal business hours at **(505) 660-8061**. Lochlin can help you with questions regarding this public notice or public involvement and can arrange for an interpreter to be on the phone line for the duration of your call at no cost to you.

Enclosure: Community Member Public Involvement Plan Input Form  
Groundwater Discharge Permit Applications Submitted for Review



**New Mexico Environment Department  
Ground Water Quality Bureau  
Community Member Public Involvement Plan Input Form**

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If you would like to provide input to be considered by the Department in the development of a Public Involvement Plan, please fill out this form and send it to the NMED Permit Contact at the email address provided below or send by mail to GWQB, PO Box 5469, Santa Fe, NM 87502-5469. For comments regarding public involvement that are not specific to a particular permit, please send this form to Lochlin Farrell at [Lochlin.Farrell@state.nm.us](mailto:Lochlin.Farrell@state.nm.us), or mail to Lochlin Farrell, GWQB, PO Box 5469, Santa Fe, NM 87502-5469. This form is available online at <https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/>. All written responses received by email or US Mail will become public record. If you have any questions or are having any difficulty completing the form, contact Lochlin Farrell at [Lochlin.Farrell@state.nm.us](mailto:Lochlin.Farrell@state.nm.us) or call between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday at (505) 660-8061. Lochlin can arrange for an interpreter to be on the line for the duration of your call at no cost to you.

**Please write legibly**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Your input is regarding Discharge Permit number \_\_\_\_\_

What circumstances or cultural considerations should NMED be considerate of when planning for public notice or outreach in your community?

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Please let us know how the members of your community, including those that do not have internet access, are staying in touch with one another. NMED would use this input to help assure equitable access to information provided to the community by NMED.

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Please use the space below if you would like to nominate a local media outlet or community publication to carry notification when a draft permit is available for public comment or a meeting is planned. NMED will consider additional outreach for a permitting action as resources allow.

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Please use the space below if you would like to nominate a local business or community space to have a copy of the public involvement plan available for viewing by your community. The business or community space must be accessible by public transportation, where applicable, and be accessible to persons who have a disability. NMED will contact the business or community space to ask if they would be willing to serve in this capacity.

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Please use the space below if you have other comments regarding public involvement of your community in the permitting process. Please remember to be specific about your recommendations and how the NMED can address any concerns. NMED will consider additional outreach for a permitting action as resources allow:

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For questions or comments regarding this form, please contact Lochlin Farrell at [Lochlin.Farrell@state.nm.us](mailto:Lochlin.Farrell@state.nm.us) or (505) 660-8061.



**Discharge Permit: DP-459, Santa Rita Open Pit; North In-Pit and Lee Hill Leach Stockpiles; the 9, 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: Randy B. Ellison, General Manager, Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company, P.O. Box 10, Bayard, NM 88023.
- NMED Permit Contact: Jordan Anderson, Geologist, [Jordan.Anderson@state.nm.us](mailto:Jordan.Anderson@state.nm.us), Telephone: 505-660-8908.

**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 29,128,000 gallons per day of acidic leach solution (raffinate) applied for leaching copper from two stockpiles. The modification consists of increasing the discharge volume from 7,128,000 gallons per day to 29,128,000 gallons per day through incorporation of permitted mine units and associated infrastructure from DP-1568 including the Lee Hill Sub-Pit, authorization to construct the Lee Hill Leach Stockpile and apply up to 22,000,000 gallons per day of raffinate to the stockpile for leaching copper. 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, T17S, R12W, and Sections 2, 3 and 10, T18S, R12W, 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-635, Woodcrest Dairy**

- County: Chaves | Closest City: Roswell
- Applicant: Randall VanderMeulen, 3105 School Rd. Roswell, NM 88203.
- NMED Permit Contact: Jaben Richards, Agriculture Team Leader, [Jaben.Richards@state.nm.us](mailto:Jaben.Richards@state.nm.us), Telephone: 505-660-8376.

**Notice:** DP-635, Woodcrest Dairy proposes to renew the Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 110,000 gallons per day of wastewater from the production area of a dairy facility. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include nitrogen compounds. The facility and discharge locations are located at 3793 E. Brasher Rd., approximately 5.6 miles southeast of Roswell, in Sections 17, 18, 19, and 20, T11S, R25E, Chaves 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 3,500 milligrams per liter.



### Discharge Permit: DP-1943, Springer Auto UST Site

- County: Colfax | Closest City: Springer
- Applicant: NMED Petroleum Storage Tank Bureau, 2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1, Santa Fe, NM 87506.
- NMED Permit Contact: Andrew Romero, Environmental Scientist, [AndrewC.Romero@state.nm.us](mailto:AndrewC.Romero@state.nm.us), Telephone: 505-660-8624.

The public notice dated April 22, 2022, is hereby reissued to correct the facility address.

**Notice:** DP-1943, Springer Auto UST Site: NMED Petroleum Storage Tank Bureau proposes the discharge of up to 260 gallons total of remediation solution to injection points to cleanup petroleum contamination in groundwater. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include inorganic compounds. The facility is located at 501 4th Street, Springer, in Section 34, T25N, R22E, Colfax County. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 8 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of 1,110 to 3,860 milligrams per liter.

### Discharge Permit: DP-1853, RACI Management Company, Inc

- County: Doña Ana | Closest City: Berino
- Applicant: Dean Rigg PO Box 847 Mesilla Park, NM 88047.
- NMED Permit Contact: Jaben Richards, Agriculture Team Leader, [Jaben.Richards@state.nm.us](mailto:Jaben.Richards@state.nm.us), Telephone: 505-660-8376.

**Notice:** DP-1853, RACI Management Company proposes to renew the Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 28,800 gallons per day of groundwater under remediation onto crops for phytoremediation. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include nitrogen compounds. The facility is located at 415 San Benito Rd., approximately 0.5 miles north of Berino, in Section 3, T26S, R03E, Doña Ana County. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 70 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of 5,300 milligrams per liter.

### Discharge Permit: DP-1942, Leonard's Conoco

- County: Guadalupe | Closest City: Santa Rosa
- Applicant: NMED Petroleum Storage Tank Bureau, 2905 Rodeo Park Drive East, Building 1, Santa Fe, NM 87506.
- NMED Permit Contact: Andrew Romero, Environmental Scientist, [AndrewC.Romero@state.nm.us](mailto:AndrewC.Romero@state.nm.us), Telephone: 505-660-8624.

**Notice:** DP-1942, Leonard's Conoco: NMED Petroleum Storage Tank Bureau proposes the discharge of up to 1,496 gallons total of remediation solution to injection points to cleanup petroleum contamination in groundwater. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include inorganic compounds. The facility is located at 1633 Route 66, Santa Rosa, in Section 2, T8N, R21E, Guadalupe County. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 15 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of 3,140 milligrams per liter.



### Discharge Permit: DP-1620, Lea Power Partners, LLC – Hobbs Generating Station

- County: Lea | Closest City: Hobbs
- Applicant: Quinto Di Ferdinando, Vice President, Lea Power Partners, LLC, 98 N. Twombly Lane, Hobbs, NM 88240.
- NMED Permit Contact: Melanie Sandoval, Industrial Waste Team Leader, [Melanie.Sandoval2@state.nm.us](mailto:Melanie.Sandoval2@state.nm.us), Telephone: 505-660-7892.

**Notice:** DP-1620, Facility Name: Lea Power Partners, LLC – Hobbs Generating Station proposes to renew the Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 5,000,000 gallons per month of industrial wastewater to a treatment and disposal system. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include nitrogen and inorganic compounds. The facility is located at 8 miles west of Hobbs on US Hwy 62/180, then 2.5 miles north on CR 41 (Maddox Road), in Sections 24 and 25, T18S, R36E, Lea County. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 50-70 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of 350 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 Onate, Espanola, NM 87532.
- NMED Permit Contact: Andrew Romero, Environmental Scientist, [AndrewC.Romero@state.nm.us](mailto:AndrewC.Romero@state.nm.us), Telephone: 505-660-8624.

**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, T20N, R08E, 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-215, City of Rio Rancho WWTF #6

- County: Sandoval | Closest City: Rio Rancho
- Applicant: Jim Chiasson, City of Rio Rancho Utilities Department, 3200 Civic Center Circle NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87144.
- NMED Permit Contact: Lynette Guevara, Reuse Team Lead, [Lynette.Guevara@state.nm.us](mailto:Lynette.Guevara@state.nm.us), Telephone: 505-629-8811.

**Notice:** DP-215, City of Rio Rancho WWTF #6: City of Rio Rancho proposes to modify the Discharge Permit for the transfer of up to 1.8 million gallons per day of reclaimed domestic wastewater to entities for reuse governed by separate reuse end user permits. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include nitrogen compounds. The facility is located at and 2400 Westside Ct. SE, in Section 36, T12N, R02E in Sandoval County. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 286 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of 245 milligrams per liter.



### Discharge Permit: DP-135, City of Santa Fe – Sludge Disposal Facility

- County: Santa Fe | Closest City: Santa Fe
- Applicant: City of Santa Fe, Michael Dozier, WWMD Director, 73 Paseo Real, Santa Fe, NM 87507.
- NMED Permit Contact: Avery Young, Environmental Scientist, [Avery.Young@state.nm.us](mailto:Avery.Young@state.nm.us), Telephone: 505-699-8564.

**Notice:** DP-135, City of Santa Fe – Sludge Disposal Facility: City of Santa Fe proposes to renew the Discharge Permit for closure and post-closure monitoring purposes. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include nitrogen compounds and inorganic compounds. The facility is located at 73 Paseo Real, in Santa Fe near the intersection of Airport Road and NM Highway 599, in Section 10, T16N, R08E, Santa Fe County. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 127 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of 125 milligrams per liter.

### Discharge Permit: DP-1120, Caja Del Rio Landfill

- County: Santa Fe | Closest City: Santa Fe
- Applicant: Santa Fe Solid Waste Management Agency, Randall Kippenbrock, Executive Director, 149 Wildlife Way, Santa Fe, NM 87506.
- NMED Permit Contact: Andrew Romero, Environmental Scientist, [AndrewC.Romero@state.nm.us](mailto:AndrewC.Romero@state.nm.us), Telephone: (505) 660-8624.

**Notice:** DP-1120, Caja Del Rio Landfill: Santa Fe Solid Waste Management Agency proposes to renew the Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 750 gallons per day of domestic wastewater to a treatment and disposal system. Additionally, up to 500,000 gallons per day of reclaimed domestic wastewater is transferred from the Santa Fe Wastewater Treatment Facility for use at the Caja del Rio Landfill. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include nitrogen, organic, and inorganic compounds. The facility is located at 149 Wildlife Way, Santa Fe, in Sections 21, 22, 27, and 28, T17N, R08E, Santa Fe County. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 307 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of 290 milligrams per liter.

### Discharge Permit: DP-268, Town of Red River Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Handling System

- County: Taos | Closest City: Red River
- Applicant: Town of Red River, The Honorable Linda Calhoun, Mayor, PO Box 1020, Red River, NM 87558.
- NMED Permit Contact: Andrew Romero, Environmental Scientist, [AndrewC.Romero@state.nm.us](mailto:AndrewC.Romero@state.nm.us), Telephone: 505-660-8624.

**Notice:** DP-268, Town of Red River Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Handling System: The Town of Red River proposes to renew the Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 9,000 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 02 Straight Creek Trail, Mile Marker 10, Highway 38, approximately 2 miles west of Red River, in Sections 33 and 34, T29N, R14E, Taos County. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 152 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of 1,272 milligrams per liter.





## Discharge Permit: DP-190, Othart Dairy

- County: Valencia and Socorro | Closest City: Veguita
- Applicant: Laurent Othart, PO Box 700 Belen, NM 87002.
- NMED Permit Contact: Sarah F. Schnell, Geoscientist, [Sarah.Schnell@state.nm.us](mailto:Sarah.Schnell@state.nm.us), Telephone: 505-660-8368.

**Notice:** DP-190, Othart Dairy proposes to renew the Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 15,500 gallons per day of wastewater from the production area of a dairy facility. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include nitrogen compounds. The facility is located at 140 Wheeler Road, Veguita, NM, approximately 1.75 miles east of Veguita, in Section 33, Township 04N, Range 02E, Valencia County and Section 04, Township 03N, Range 02E in Socorro County. Groundwater beneath the site is at a depth of approximately 68 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of approximately 257 mg/L. milligrams per liter.

END OF PUBLIC NOTICE