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**RE: Draft Discharge Permit, DP-1989, Rattlesnake Draw Rest Area**

Dear Carlos Archuleta:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) hereby provides notice to the New Mexico Department of Transportation of the proposed approval of Ground Water Discharge Permit, DP-1989, (copy enclosed), pursuant to Subsection H of 20.6.2.3108 NMAC. NMED will publish notice of the availability of the draft Discharge Permit in the near future for public review and comment and will forward a copy of that notice to you.

Prior to making a final ruling on the proposed Discharge Permit, NMED will allow 30 days from the date the public notice is published in the newspaper for any interested party, including the Discharge Permit applicant, i.e., yourself, to submit written comments and/or a request a public hearing. A hearing request shall set forth the reasons why a hearing is requested. NMED will hold a hearing in response to a timely hearing request if the NMED Secretary determines there is substantial public interest in the proposed Discharge Permit.

Please review the enclosed draft Discharge Permit carefully. Please be aware that this Discharge Permit may contain conditions that require the permittee to implement operational, monitoring or closure actions by a specified deadline.

Please submit written comments or a request for hearing to my attention at the address below, via email to [Lochlin.Farrell@env.nm.gov](mailto:Lochlin.Farrell@env.nm.gov) or to [pps.general@env.nm.gov](mailto:pps.general@env.nm.gov), or directly into the NMED Public Comment Portal at <https://nmed.commentinput.com/comment/search>. If NMED does not receive written comments or a request for hearing during the public comment period, the draft Discharge Permit will become final.

Thank you for your cooperation during the review process. Feel free to contact me with any questions at (505) 660-8061.

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Sincerely,

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Encl: Draft Discharge Permit, DP-1989

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**GROUND WATER QUALITY BUREAU**  
**DISCHARGE PERMIT**  
**Issued under 20.6.2 NMAC**

**Facility Name:** Rattlesnake Draw Rest Area  
**Discharge Permit Number:** DP-1989  
**Facility Location:** Interstate 40 between mile marker 207 and 208  
Approximately 12 miles east of Moriarty

**County:** Torrance

**Permittee:** New Mexico Department of Transportation  
**Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 4127 – Coronado Station  
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**Permitting Action:** New  
**Permit Issuance Date:** DATE  
**Permit Expiration Date:** DATE (7 years from issuance date) or 5 years from commencement of discharge [20.6.23109.H(4) NMAC]

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- Discharge Permit Summary
- Groundwater Discharge Permit Guidance for Synthetically Lined Lagoons – Liner Material and Site Preparation, Revision 0.0, May 2007

## I. INTRODUCTION

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) issues this groundwater discharge permit (Discharge Permit or DP-1989) to the New Mexico Department of Transportation (Permittee) pursuant to the New Mexico Water Quality Act (WQA), NMSA 1978 §§74-6-1 through 74-6-17, and the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) Ground and Surface Water Protection Regulations, 20.6.2 NMAC.

NMED's purpose in issuing this Discharge Permit, and in imposing the requirements and conditions specified herein, is to control the discharge of water contaminants from the Rattlesnake Draw Rest Area (Facility) in order to protect groundwater and those segments of surface water gaining from groundwater inflow for present and potential future use as domestic and agricultural water supply and other uses, and to protect public health. It is NMED's determination in issuing this Discharge Permit that the Permittee has met the requirements of Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC. The Permittee is responsible for complying with the terms and conditions of this Discharge Permit pursuant to Section 20.6.2.3104 NMAC; failure to do so may result in enforcement action by NMED (20.6.2.1220 NMAC).

Described below are the activities that produce the discharge, the location of the discharge, and the quantity, quality, and flow characteristics.

The Facility discharges industrial wastewater from a potable water treatment system at a volume of up to 830 gallons per day (gpd) to a synthetically lined impoundment for disposal by evaporation.

### Discharge Permit Location Information:

Physical Address	Interstate 40 between mile marker 207 and 208
Nearest Town/City	Approximately 12 miles east of Moriarty
Section, Township, Range	Section 14, Township 09 North, Range 10 East
County	Torrance
Depth to Groundwater	443 feet below ground surface
Pre-Discharge TDS	810 milligrams per liter

The application (i.e., discharge plan) consists of the materials submitted by Charlotte Salazar on behalf of the Permittee dated February 12, 2025, and April 9, 2025, and materials contained in the administrative record prior to issuance of this Discharge Permit. The Permittee shall manage this discharge in accordance with all conditions and requirements of this Discharge Permit.

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NMED reserves the right to require a Discharge Permit modification in the event NMED determines that the Permittee is or may be violating, or is likely to violate in the future, the requirements of 20.6.2 NMAC or the standards of Section 20.6.2.3103 NMAC. NMED reserves this right pursuant to Section 20.6.2.3109 NMAC. An NMED requirement to modify the Discharge Permit may result from a determination by the department that structural controls and/or management practices approved under this Discharge Permit are insufficiently protective of groundwater quality and human health. NMED reserves the right to require the Permittee to implement abatement of water pollution and remediate groundwater quality.

NMED issuance of this Discharge Permit does not relieve the Permittee of the responsibility to comply with the WQA, WQCC Regulations, and any other applicable federal, state and/or local laws and regulations, such as zoning requirements and nuisance ordinances.

This Discharge Permit may use the following acronyms and abbreviations.

Abbreviation	Explanation	Abbreviation	Explanation
BOD <sub>5</sub>	biochemical oxygen demand (5-day)	NMED	New Mexico Environment Department
CAP	Corrective Action Plan	NMSA	New Mexico Statutes Annotated
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	NO <sub>3</sub> -N	nitrate-nitrogen
CFU	colony forming unit	NTU	nephelometric turbidity units
Cl	chloride	QA/QC	Quality Assurance/Quality Control
EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency	TDS	total dissolved solids
Gpd	gallons per day	TKN	total Kjeldahl nitrogen
LAA	land application area	total nitrogen	= TKN + NO <sub>3</sub> -N
LADS	Land Application Data Sheet(s)	TRC	total residual chlorine
mg/L	milligrams per liter	TSS	total suspended solids
mL	milliliters	WQA	New Mexico Water Quality Act
MPN	most probable number	WQCC	Water Quality Control Commission
NMAC	New Mexico Administrative Code	WWTF	Wastewater Treatment Facility

## II. FINDINGS

In issuing this Discharge Permit, NMED finds the following.

1. The Permittee is discharging effluent or leachate from the Facility so that such effluent or leachate may move into groundwater of the State of New Mexico that has an existing concentration of 10,000 mg/L or less of TDS, within the meaning of Subsection A of

20.6.2.3101 NMAC, without exceeding standards of 20.6.2.3103 NMAC for any water contaminant.

2. The Permittee is discharging effluent or leachate from the Facility directly or indirectly into groundwater pursuant to this Discharge Permit and Sections 20.6.2.3000 through 20.6.2.3114 NMAC.
3. The discharge from this Facility has the potential to contain water contaminants or toxic pollutants elevated above the standards of Section 20.6.2.3103 NMAC and is not subject to the exemption at Subsection 20.6.2.3105 NMAC.

### III. AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE

The Permittee is responsible for ensuring that discharges authorized by this Discharge Permit are consistent with the terms and conditions herein pursuant to 20.6.2.3104 NMAC.

This Discharge Permit authorizes the Permittee to discharge industrial wastewater consisting of backwash wastewater from media regeneration of the pretreatment filtration system and industrial wastewater consisting of the reject stream of a reverse osmosis treatment system at a combined volume of up to 830 gpd to a synthetically lined evaporative impoundment for disposal by evaporation.

[20.6.2.3104 NMAC, Subsection C of 20.6.2.3106 NMAC, Subsection D of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]

### IV. CONDITIONS

NMED issues this Discharge Permit for the discharge of water contaminants subject to the following conditions.

#### A. OPERATIONAL PLAN

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1.	The Permittee shall implement the following operational plan to ensure compliance with Title 20, Chapter 6, Parts 2 and 4 NMAC.  [Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]
2.	The Permittee shall operate in a manner that does not violate standards and requirements of Sections 20.6.2.3101 and 20.6.2.3103 NMAC.  [20.6.2.3101 NMAC, 20.6.2.3103 NMAC, Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]

***Operational Actions with Implementation Deadlines***

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3.	<p>Prior to discharging to the Facility, the Permittee shall complete construction of the synthetically lined evaporative impoundment in accordance with the final construction plans and specifications submitted to NMED (Dated February 12, 2025) by the professional engineer of record. The Permittee shall notify NMED at the commencement of construction to allow NMED personnel to be onsite for inspection during construction.</p> <p>[Subsections A and C of 20.6.2.1202 NMAC, Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC, NMSA 1978, §§ 61-23-1 through 61-23-32]</p>
4.	<p>Within 30 days of completing construction of the synthetically lined evaporative impoundment the Permittee shall submit record drawings to NMED that bear the seal and signature of a licensed New Mexico professional engineer (pursuant to the New Mexico Engineering and Surveying Practice Act and the rules promulgated under that authority) for the Facility.</p> <p>[Subsections A and C of 20.6.2.1202 NMAC, Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC, NMSA 1978, §§ 61-23-1 through 61-23-32]</p>
5.	<p>Five business days prior to discharging to the synthetically lined evaporative impoundment, the Permittee shall submit written notification to NMED stating the date the discharge is to commence.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection H of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]</p>
6.	<p>Prior to discharging to the synthetically lined evaporative impoundment, the Permittee shall install fences around the impoundment to control access by the general public and animals. The fences shall consist of a minimum of six-foot chain link or field fencing and locking gates. Documentation of fence installation shall consist of a narrative statement describing the fences and gates and date-stamped photographs. The Permittee shall submit the documentation to NMED in the next required periodic monitoring report.</p> <p>[Subsections B and C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC, NMSA 1978, § 74-6-5.D]</p>
7.	<p>Prior to discharging to the synthetically lined evaporative impoundment, the Permittee shall post signs indicating that the wastewater at the Facility is not potable. The Permittee shall post signs at the Facility entrance and other areas where there is potential for public contact with wastewater. Posted signs shall be in English and Spanish and shall be legible during the term of this Discharge Permit.</p>

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	<p>The Permittee shall submit documentation demonstrating sign installation that consists of date stamped photographs to NMED in the next required periodic monitoring report.</p> <p>[Subsections B and C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC, NMSA 1978, § 74-6-5.D]</p>

**Operating Conditions**

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8.	<p>The Permittee shall maintain fences around the synthetically lined evaporative impoundment to restrict access by the general public and animals. The fences shall consist of a minimum of six-foot chain link or field fencing and locking gates. The Permittee shall maintain the fences to serve the stated purpose throughout the term of this Discharge Permit.</p> <p>[Subsections B and C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC, NMSA 1978, § 74-6-5.D]</p>
9.	<p>The Permittee shall maintain signs indicating that the wastewater at the Facility is not potable. The Permittee shall post signs at the Facility entrance and other areas where there is potential for public contact with wastewater. The Permittee shall print signs in English and Spanish and shall ensure the signs remain visible and legible for the term of this Discharge Permit.</p> <p>[Subsections B and C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC, NMSA 1978, § 74-6-5.D]</p>
10.	<p>The Permittee shall maintain the impoundment liner to avoid conditions that could affect the liner or the structural integrity of the impoundment. Characterization of such conditions may include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• erosion damage;</li><li>• animal burrows or other damage;</li><li>• the presence of vegetation including aquatic plants, weeds, woody shrubs or trees growing within five feet of the top inside edge of a sub-grade impoundment, within five feet of the toe of the outside berm of an above-grade impoundment, or within the impoundment itself;</li><li>• the presence of large debris or large quantities of debris in the impoundment;</li><li>• evidence of seepage; or</li><li>• evidence of berm subsidence.</li></ul> <p>The Permittee shall routinely control vegetation growing around the impoundment by mechanical removal that is protective of the impoundment liner.</p>

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	<p>The Permittee shall visually inspect the impoundment and surrounding berms on a monthly basis to ensure proper maintenance. In the event that an inspection reveals any evidence of damage that threatens the structural integrity of an impoundment berm or liner, or that may result in an unauthorized discharge, the Permittee shall implement the Contingency Plan set forth in this Discharge Permit.</p> <p>The Permittee shall create and maintain a log of all impoundment inspections which describes the date of the inspection, any findings and repairs and the name of the person responsible for the inspection. The Permittee shall make the log available to NMED upon request.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]</p>
11.	<p>The Permittee shall preserve a minimum of two feet of freeboard, i.e., the distance between the highest calculated liquid level in the impoundment and the liquid level which would result in the release of stored liquid from the impoundment.</p> <p>In the event that the Permittee determines that it cannot preserve two feet of freeboard in the impoundment, the Permittee shall implement the Contingency Plan set forth in this Discharge Permit.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]</p>

**B. MONITORING AND REPORTING**

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12.	<p>The Permittee shall conduct the monitoring, reporting, and other requirements listed below in accordance with the monitoring requirements of this Discharge Permit.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]</p>
13.	<p>METHODOLOGY – Unless otherwise specified by this Discharge Permit, or approved in writing by NMED, the Permittee shall use sampling and analytical techniques that conform with the references listed in Subsection B of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC.</p> <p>[Subsection B of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]</p>

***Due Dates for Monitoring Reports***

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14.	<p>Semi-annual monitoring - The Permittee shall perform monitoring and other Permit required actions during the following periods and shall submit semi-annual reports to NMED by the following due dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• January 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> – <b>due by August 1<sup>st</sup></b>; and</li><li>• July 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> – <b>due by February 1<sup>st</sup></b>.</li></ul> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]</p>

***Monitoring Actions with Implementation Deadlines***

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15.	<p>Prior to discharging to the synthetically lined evaporative impoundment, the Permittee shall install the following flow meter.</p> <p>a) One totalizing flow meter installed on the discharge line from the treatment system to the synthetically lined evaporative impoundment to measure the volume of wastewater discharged to the synthetically lined evaporative impoundment.</p> <p>The Permittee shall submit confirmation of meter installation, type, calibration, and location prior to discharging to the impoundment.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]</p>

***Facility Monitoring Conditions***

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16.	<p>The Permittee shall on a monthly basis measure the volume of wastewater discharged to the synthetically lined evaporative impoundment during the period.</p> <p>To determine the discharge volume, the Permittee shall obtain readings from a totalizing flow meter located on the discharge line from the treatment system to the synthetically lined evaporative impoundment on a monthly basis and calculate the monthly and average daily volume discharged to the synthetically lined evaporative impoundment. The Permittee shall submit calendar monthly meter readings, calculated monthly discharge volumes and average daily discharge volumes to NMED in the semi-annual monitoring reports.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsections C and H of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]</p>

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17.	<p>All flow meters shall be capable of having their accuracy verified under working (i.e., real-time in-the-field) conditions. The Permittee shall develop a field verification method for each flow meter and shall utilize that method to check the accuracy of each respective meter. The Permittee shall perform field calibrations, at a minimum, once within 90 days of the issuance date of this Discharge Permit (<b>by DATE</b>). The Permittee shall also perform field calibrations upon repair or replacement of a flow measurement device.</p> <p>The Permittee shall calibrate each flow meter to its manufacturer's recommended specification which shall be no less accurate than plus or minus 10 percent of actual flow, as measured under field conditions. An individual knowledgeable in flow measurement shall perform field calibration and the installation/operation of the device in use. The Permittee shall prepare a flow meter calibration report for each flow measurement device calibration event. The flow meter calibration report shall include the following information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) The location and meter identification.</li><li>b) The method of flow meter field calibration employed.</li><li>c) The measured accuracy of each flow meter prior to adjustment indicating the positive or negative offset as a percentage of actual flow as determined by an in-field calibration check.</li><li>d) The measured accuracy of each flow meter following adjustment, if necessary, indicating the positive or negative offset as a percentage of actual flow of the meter.</li><li>e) Any flow meter repairs made during the previous year or during field calibration.</li><li>f) The name of the individual performing the calibration and the date of the calibration.</li></ul> <p>The Permittee shall maintain records of flow meter calibration at a location accessible for review by NMED during Facility inspections.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsections C and H of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]</p>
18.	<p>The Permittee shall visually inspect flow meters on a monthly basis for evidence of malfunction. The Permittee shall maintain a log of the inspections that includes a date of the inspection, findings and repairs, and the name of the inspector. The Permittee shall make the log available to NMED upon request.</p> <p>If a visual inspection indicates a flow meter is not functioning as required by this Discharge Permit, the Permittee shall repair or replace the meter within 30 days of discovery. For <i>repaired</i> meters, the Permittee shall submit a report to NMED with the next monitoring report following the repair that includes a description of the malfunction; a statement verifying the repair; and a flow meter field calibration report completed in accordance with the requirements of this Discharge Permit. For <i>replacement</i> meters, the Permittee shall submit a report to NMED with the next</p>

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	<p>monitoring report following the replacement that includes a design schematic for the device and a flow meter field calibration report completed in accordance with the requirements of this Discharge Permit.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]</p>
19.	<p>The Permittee shall collect a composite wastewater sample on a semi-annual basis (once every six months) from the synthetically lined evaporative impoundment. The composite sample shall consist of a minimum of six equal aliquots collected equidistantly around the entire perimeter of the evaporative impoundment and thoroughly mixed. The Permittee shall analyze the composite sample for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TKN;</li> <li>• NO<sub>3</sub>-N;</li> <li>• TDS;</li> <li>• Cl; and</li> <li>• Sulfate.</li> </ul> <p>The Permittee shall ensure the sample is properly prepared, preserved, transported, and analyzed in accordance with the methods authorized in this Discharge Permit. The Permittee shall submit the laboratory analytical data results, including the QA/QC summary and Chain of Custody, to NMED in the semi-annual monitoring reports.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsections C and H of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]</p>

**C. CONTINGENCY PLAN**

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20.	<p>In the event that groundwater exceeds a groundwater protection standard identified in Section 20.6.2.3103 NMAC as a result of this discharge, the Permittee shall submit to NMED a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) that proposes, at a minimum, contaminant source control measures and an implementation schedule. The Permittee shall implement the CAP following approval by NMED.</p> <p>The NMED may require the Permittee to abate water pollution consistent with the requirements and provisions of Section 20.6.2.4101, Section 20.6.2.4103, Subsections C and E of 20.6.2.4106, Section 20.6.2.4107, Section 20.6.2.4108 and Section 20.6.2.4112 NMAC.</p>

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	[20.6.2.3103 NMAC, Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection E of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]
21.	<p>In the event that the Facility exceeds the authorized discharge volume set in this Discharge Permit, the Permittee shall initiate the following Contingency Plan.</p> <p><u>Contingency Plan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Notify NMED within seven days of the discovery of the discharge volume exceedance that the Facility exceeded the authorized discharge volume.</li> <li>b) The Permittee shall conduct a physical inspection of the discharge system, i.e., inflow and infiltration issues, collection system failures, etc., and the discharge meter to detect abnormalities and report the findings to NMED within 30 days of the discovery of the discharge volume exceedance. The Permittee shall correct any abnormalities detected with NMED’s concurrence.</li> <li>c) If the Permittee does not detect any abnormalities and with NMED’s concurrence, the Permittee shall submit a discharge permit modification for the increase in discharge quantity to NMED within 90 days of the discovery of the discharge volume exceedance. The discharge permit modification must include demonstration that the volume increase is sufficient for the design capacity or plans and specifications to upgrade the system to accommodate the discharge volume increase.</li> </ul> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]</p>
22.	<p>In the event that an inspection reveals significant damage has occurred or is likely to affect the structural integrity of an impoundment or liner or their ability to contain contaminants, the Permittee shall propose the repair or replacement by submitting a CAP to NMED for approval. The Permittee shall submit the CAP to NMED within 30 days after discovery of the damage or following notification from NMED that significant damage is evident. The Permittee shall ensure the CAP includes a schedule for completion of corrective actions. The Permittee shall initiate implementation of the CAP following approval by NMED.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]</p>
23.	<p>In the event that an impoundment cannot preserve a minimum of two feet of freeboard, the Permittee shall take actions to restore the required freeboard as authorized by this Discharge Permit and all applicable local, state, and federal regulations.</p> <p>In the event that two feet of freeboard cannot be restored within a period of 72 hours following discovery, the Permittee shall propose actions to restore two feet of freeboard by submitting a short-term CAP to NMED for approval. Examples of short-term corrective</p>

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	<p>actions include the pumping and hauling of excess wastewater from the impoundment or reducing the volume of wastewater discharged to the impoundment. The Permittee shall ensure the CAP includes a schedule for completion of corrective actions. The Permittee shall submit the CAP within 15 days following the date the Permittee or the NMED discover the exceedance. The Permittee shall implement the CAP following NMED approval.</p> <p>In the event that the short-term corrective actions fail to restore two feet of freeboard, the Permittee shall submit to NMED a proposal for permanent corrective actions in a long-term CAP. The Permittee shall submit the long-term CAP within 90 days following failure of the short-term CAP. Examples of corrective actions include the installation of an additional storage impoundment or a significant and permanent reduction in the volume of wastewater discharged to the impoundment. The Permittee shall ensure the long-term CAP includes a schedule for completion of corrective actions. The Permittee shall implement the CAP following NMED approval.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]</p>
24.	<p>In the event the average solids accumulation exceeds one-third of the maximum liquid depth in the impoundment, the Permittee shall propose a plan for the removal and disposal of the solids. The Permittee shall submit the solids removal and disposal plan to NMED for approval within 120 days following discovery and include the following information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) A method for removal of the solids to a depth of less than six inches throughout the treatment impoundment in a manner that is protective of the impoundment liner.</li> <li>b) A description of how the Permittee will contain, transport, and dispose of the solids in accordance with all local, state, and federal regulations, including 40 CFR Part 503.</li> <li>c) A schedule for completion of the solids removal and disposal project.</li> </ul> <p>The Permittee shall initiate implementation of the plan following approval by NMED.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]</p>
25.	<p>In the event that a release occurs that is not authorized under this Discharge Permit (commonly known as a “spill”), the Permittee shall take measures to mitigate damage from the unauthorized discharge and initiate the notifications and corrective actions required in Section 20.6.2.1203 NMAC and summarized below. A release is defined as such quantity as may with reasonable probability injure or be detrimental to human health, animal or plant life, or property, or unreasonably interfere with the public welfare or the use of property.</p>

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	<p>Within <u>24 hours</u> following discovery of the unauthorized discharge, the Permittee shall verbally notify NMED and provide the following information.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The name, address, and telephone number of the person or persons in charge of the Facility, as well as of the owner and/or operator of the Facility.</li> <li>b) The name and address of the Facility.</li> <li>c) The date, time, location, and duration of the unauthorized discharge.</li> <li>d) The source and cause of unauthorized discharge.</li> <li>e) A description of the unauthorized discharge, including its estimated chemical composition.</li> <li>f) The estimated volume of the unauthorized discharge.</li> <li>g) Any actions taken to mitigate immediate damage from the unauthorized discharge.</li> </ol> <p>Within <u>one week</u> following discovery of the unauthorized discharge, the Permittee shall submit written notification to NMED providing the information listed above and any pertinent updates.</p> <p>Within <u>15 days</u> following discovery of the unauthorized discharge, the Permittee shall submit a CAP to NMED describing any corrective actions previously taken and corrective actions to be taken relative to the unauthorized discharge. The CAP shall include the following information.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) A description of proposed actions to mitigate damage from the unauthorized discharge.</li> <li>b) A description of proposed actions to prevent future unauthorized discharges of this nature.</li> <li>c) A schedule for completion of proposed actions.</li> </ol> <p>In the event that the unauthorized discharge causes or may with reasonable probability cause water pollution in excess of the standards and requirements of Section 20.6.2.4103 NMAC, and the water pollution will not be abated within 180 days after notice is required to be given pursuant to Paragraph (1) of Subsection A of 20.6.2.1203 NMAC, NMED may require the Permittee to abate water pollution pursuant to Sections 20.6.2.4000 through 20.6.2.4115 NMAC.</p> <p>The Permittee shall not construe anything in this condition as relieving them of the obligation to comply with all requirements of Section 20.6.2.1203 NMAC.</p> <p>[20.6.2.1203 NMAC]</p>
26.	<p>In the event that NMED or the Permittee identifies any failures of the discharge plan, i.e., the application, or this Discharge Permit not specifically noted herein, NMED may require the Permittee to submit a CAP and a schedule for completion of corrective actions to</p>

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	<p>address the failure(s). Additionally, NMED may require a discharge permit modification to achieve compliance with 20.6.2 NMAC.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection E of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]</p>

**D. CLOSURE PLAN**

***Permanent Facility Closure Conditions***

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27.	<p>The Permittee shall perform the following closure measures in the event the Facility, or a component thereof, is proposed to be permanently closed.</p> <p>Within <u>60 days</u> of ceasing to discharge to the impoundment, the Permittee shall plug the impoundment influent lines so that a discharge can no longer occur.</p> <p>Within <u>60 days</u> of ceasing to discharge to the impoundment, the Permittee shall evaporate or drain all wastewater from the impoundment and any other wastewater system component and dispose of it in accordance with all local, state, and federal regulations.</p> <p>Within <u>90 days</u> of ceasing to discharge to the impoundment, the Permittee shall submit a sediment removal and disposal plan to NMED for approval. The Permittee shall implement the plan within 30 days following approval by NMED. The sediment removal and disposal plan shall include the following information.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The estimated volume and dry weight of sediment planned for removal and disposal, including measurements and calculations.</li> <li>b) Analytical results for samples of the sediment taken from the impoundment for TKN, NO<sub>3</sub>-N, sulfate, percent total solids, and any other parameters tested (reported in mg/kg, dry weight basis).</li> <li>c) The method of sediment <i>removal</i> from the impoundment.</li> <li>d) The method of <i>disposal</i> for all the sediment (and its contents) removed from the impoundment(s). The method shall comply with all local, state and federal regulations, including 40 CFR Part 503. <i>Note: A proposal that includes the surface disposal of sediment may be subject to Groundwater Discharge Permitting requirements pursuant to 20.6.2.3104 NMAC that are separate from the requirements of this Discharge Permit.</i></li> <li>e) A schedule for completion of sediment removal and disposal not to exceed two years from the date discharge to the impoundment ceased.</li> </ol>

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	<p>Within <u>one year</u> following completion of the sediment removal and disposal, the Permittee shall complete the following closure measures.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Remove all lines leading to and from the impoundment or permanently plug and abandon the lines in place.</li> <li>b) Remove or demolish any other wastewater system components and re-grade area with suitable fill to blend with surface topography, promote positive drainage and prevent ponding.</li> <li>c) Characterize, remove, and dispose of all solids from the impoundment in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations, and maintain a record of solids transported for off-site disposal, including the volume of solids transported and the disposal location.</li> <li>d) Remove and dispose of the impoundment liner at a solid waste facility. If there is evidence of contaminated soil below the liner, assess the impact, report that assessment to NMED, and mitigate the impacts following NMED approval.</li> <li>e) Fill the impoundment with suitable fill.</li> <li>f) Re-grade the impoundment site and the locations of ancillary equipment, e.g., influent piping, to blend with surface topography, promote positive drainage and prevent ponding.</li> </ol> <p>When the Permittee has met all closure and post-closure requirements and verified appropriate actions with date stamped photographic evidence or an associated NMED inspection, the Permittee may submit to NMED a written request, including photographic evidence, for termination of the Discharge Permit.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection D of 20.6.2.4103 NMAC, 40 CFR Part 503]</p>

**E. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

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28.	<p>RECORD KEEPING - The Permittee shall maintain a written record of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information and data used to complete the application for this Discharge Permit;</li> <li>• Information, data, and documents demonstrating completion of closure activities;</li> <li>• Any releases (commonly known as “spills”) not authorized under this Discharge Permit and reports submitted pursuant to 20.6.2.1203 NMAC;</li> <li>• The operation, maintenance, and repair of all facilities/equipment used to treat, store or dispose of wastewater;</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facility record drawings (plans and specifications) showing the actual construction of the Facility and bear the seal and signature of a licensed New Mexico professional engineer;</li> <li>• Copies of logs, inspection reports, and monitoring reports completed and/or submitted to NMED pursuant to this Discharge Permit;</li> <li>• The volume of wastewater or other wastes discharged pursuant to this Discharge Permit;</li> <li>• Groundwater quality and wastewater quality data collected pursuant to this Discharge Permit;</li> <li>• Copies of construction records (well log) for all sampled groundwater monitoring wells pursuant to this Discharge Permit;</li> <li>• The maintenance, repair, replacement or calibration of any monitoring equipment or flow measurement devices required by this Discharge Permit; and</li> <li>• Data and information related to field measurements, sampling, and analysis conducted pursuant to this Discharge Permit, including:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ the dates, location and times of sampling or field measurements;</li> <li>○ the name and job title of the individuals who performed each sample collection or field measurement;</li> <li>○ the sample analysis date of each sample;</li> <li>○ the name and address of the laboratory, and the name of the signatory authority for the laboratory analysis;</li> <li>○ the analytical technique or method used to analyze each sample or collect each field measurement;</li> <li>○ the results of each analysis or field measurement, including raw data;</li> <li>○ the results of any split, spiked, duplicate or repeat sample; and</li> <li>○ a copy of the laboratory analysis chain-of-custody as well as a description of the quality assurance and quality control procedures used.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The Permittee shall maintain the written record at a location accessible to NMED during a Facility inspection for a minimum of five years. The Permittee shall make the record available to NMED upon request.</p> <p>[Subsections A and D of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]</p>
29.	<p>SUBMITTALS – The Permittee shall submit both a paper copy and an electronic copy of all notification and reporting documents required by this Discharge Permit, e.g., monitoring reports. The Permittee shall submit paper and electronic documents to the NMED Permit Contact identified on the Permit cover page.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]</p>

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30.	<p>INSPECTION and ENTRY – The Permittee shall allow NMED to inspect the Facility and its operations that are subject to this Discharge Permit and the WQCC regulations. NMED may upon presentation of proper credentials, enter at reasonable times upon or through any premises in which a water contaminant source is located or in which any maintained records required by this Discharge Permit, the regulations of the federal government, or the WQCC are located.</p> <p>The Permittee shall allow NMED to have access to and reproduce for their use any copy of the records, and to perform assessments, sampling or monitoring during an inspection for the purpose of evaluating compliance with this Discharge Permit and the WQCC regulations.</p> <p>No person shall construe anything in this Discharge Permit as limiting in any way the inspection and entry authority of NMED under the WQA, the WQCC Regulations, or any other local, state or federal regulations.</p> <p>[Subsection D of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, NMSA 1978, §§ 74-6-9.B and 74-6-9.E]</p>
31.	<p>DUTY to PROVIDE INFORMATION - The Permittee shall, upon NMED’s request, allow for NMED’s inspection/duplication of records required by this Discharge Permit and/or furnish to NMED copies of such records.</p> <p>[Subsection D of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]</p>
32.	<p>MODIFICATIONS and/or AMENDMENTS – In the event the Permittee proposes a change to the Facility or the Facility’s discharge that would result in a change in the volume discharged; the location of the discharge; or in the amount or character of water contaminants received, treated or discharged by the Facility, the Permittee shall notify NMED prior to implementing such changes. The Permittee shall obtain NMED’s approval (which may require modification of this Discharge Permit) prior to implementing such changes.</p> <p>[Subsection C of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsections E and G of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]</p>
33.	<p>PLANS and SPECIFICATIONS – In the event the Permittee proposes to construct a wastewater system or change a process unit of an existing system such that the quantity or quality of the discharge will change substantially from that authorized by this Discharge Permit, the Permittee shall submit construction plans and specifications of the proposed system or process unit to NMED for approval prior to the commencement of construction.</p>

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	<p>In the event the Permittee implements changes to the wastewater system authorized by this Discharge Permit that result in only a minor effect on the character of the discharge, the Permittee shall report such changes (including the submission of record drawings where applicable) to NMED prior to implementation.</p> <p>[Subsections A and C of 20.6.2.1202 NMAC, NMSA 1978, §§ 61-23-1 through 61-23-32]</p>
34.	<p>CIVIL PENALTIES - Any violation of the requirements and conditions of this Discharge Permit, including any failure to allow NMED staff to enter and inspect records or facilities, or any refusal or failure to provide NMED with records or information, may subject the Permittee to a civil enforcement action. Pursuant to WQA 74-6-10(A) and (B), such action may include a compliance order requiring compliance immediately or in a specified time, assessing a civil penalty, modifying or terminating the Discharge Permit, or any combination of the foregoing; or an action in district court seeking injunctive relief, civil penalties, or both. Pursuant to WQA 74-6-10(C) and 74-6-10.1, civil penalties of up to \$15,000 per day of noncompliance may be assessed for each violation of the WQA 74-6-5, the WQCC Regulations, or this Discharge Permit, and civil penalties of up to \$10,000 per day of noncompliance may be assessed for each violation of any other provision of the WQA, or any regulation, standard, or order adopted pursuant to such other provision. In any action to enforce this Discharge Permit, the Permittee waives any objection to the admissibility as evidence of any data generated pursuant to this Discharge Permit.</p> <p>[20.6.2.1220 NMAC, NMSA 1978, §§ 74-6-10 and 74-6-10.1]</p>
35.	<p>CRIMINAL PENALTIES – No person shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make any false material statement, representation, certification or omission of material fact in an application, record, report, plan or other document filed, submitted or maintained under the WQA;</li> <li>• Falsify, tamper with or render inaccurate any monitoring device, method or record maintained under the WQA; or</li> <li>• Fail to monitor, sample or report as required by a permit issued pursuant to a state or federal law or regulation.</li> </ul> <p>Any person who knowingly violates or knowingly causes or allows another person to violate the requirements of this condition is guilty of a fourth-degree felony and shall be sentenced in accordance with the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 31-18-15. Any person who is convicted of a second or subsequent violation of the requirements of this condition is guilty of a third-degree felony and shall be sentenced in accordance with the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 31-18-15. Any person who knowingly violates the requirements of this condition or knowingly causes another person to violate the requirements of this condition and thereby causes a substantial adverse environmental impact is guilty of a</p>

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	<p>third-degree felony and shall be sentenced in accordance with the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 31-18-15. Any person who knowingly violates the requirements of this condition and knows at the time of the violation that he is creating a substantial danger of death or serious bodily injury to any other person is guilty of a second degree felony and shall be sentenced in accordance with the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 31-18-15.</p> <p>[20.6.2.1220 NMAC, NMSA 1978, §§ 74-6-10.2.A through 74-6-10.2.F]</p>
36.	<p>COMPLIANCE with OTHER LAWS - Nothing in this Discharge Permit shall be construed in any way as relieving the Permittee of the obligation to comply with any other applicable federal, state, and/or local laws, regulations, zoning requirements, nuisance ordinances, permits or orders.</p> <p>[NMSA 1978, § 74-6-5.L]</p>
37.	<p>RIGHT to APPEAL - The Permittee may file a petition for review before the WQCC on this Discharge Permit. Such petition shall be in writing to the WQCC within thirty days of the receipt of postal notice of this Discharge Permit and shall include a statement of the issues raised and the relief sought. Unless the Permittee files a timely petition for review, the decision of NMED shall be final and not subject to judicial review.</p> <p>[20.6.2.3112 NMAC, NMSA 1978, § 74-6-5.O]</p>
38.	<p>TRANSFER of DISCHARGE PERMIT - Prior to the transfer of any ownership, control, or possession of this Facility or any portion thereof, the Permittee shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notify the proposed transferee in writing of the existence of this Discharge Permit;</li> <li>• Include a copy of this Discharge Permit with the notice; and</li> <li>• Deliver or send by certified mail to NMED a copy of the notification and proof that the proposed transferee has received such notification.</li> </ul> <p>The Permittee shall continue to be responsible for any discharge from the Facility, until both ownership and possession of the Facility have been transferred to the transferee.</p> <p>[20.6.2.3111 NMAC]</p>
39.	<p>PERMIT FEES – The Permittee shall be aware that the payment of permit fees is due at the time of Discharge Permit approval. The Permittee may pay the permit fees in a single payment or they may pay the fee in equal installments on a yearly basis over the term of the Discharge Permit. The Permittee shall remit single payments to NMED no later than 30 days after the Discharge Permit issuance date. The Permittee shall remit initial installment payments to NMED no later than 30 days after the Discharge Permit issuance</p>

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	<p>date; with subsequent installment payments remitted to NMED no later than the anniversary of the Discharge Permit issuance date.</p> <p>Permit fees are associated with <u>issuance</u> of this Discharge Permit. No person shall construe anything in this Discharge Permit as relieving the Permittee of the obligation to pay all permit fees assessed by NMED. A Permittee that ceases discharging or does not commence discharging from the Facility during the term of the Discharge Permit shall pay all permit fees assessed by NMED. NMED shall suspend or terminate an approved Discharge Permit if the Permittee fails to remit an installment payment by its due date.</p> <p>[Subsection F of 20.6.2.3114 NMAC, NMSA 1978, § 74-6-5.K]</p>

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**New Mexico Environment Department Ground Water Quality Bureau  
Discharge Permit Summary**

**Facility Information**

**Facility Name** Rattlesnake Draw Rest Area  
**Discharge Permit Number** DP-1989

**Legally Responsible Party** Carlos Archuleta, Manager  
 Rattlesnake Draw Rest Area  
 New Mexico Department of Transportation  
 PO Box 4127 – Coronado Station  
 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501  
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**Treatment, Disposal and Site Information**

**Primary Waste Type** Industrial  
**Facility Type** Water Source

**Discharge Locations**

Type	Designation	Description & Comments
Impoundment	Synthetically Lined Evaporative Impoundment	Single 60-mil High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE) geomembrane; 190,000-gallon total capacity

**Flow Metering Locations**

Type	Designation	Description & Comments
Totalizing Flow Meter	Discharge Meter	Totalizing flow meter located on the line between the water treatment system and the synthetically lined evaporative impoundment

**Depth-to-Ground Water** 443 feet  
**Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)** 810 mg/L

**Permit Information**

<b>Current Action</b>	<b>New Permit</b>
Application Received	February 12, 2025
Public Notice Published	not yet published
Permit Issued (Issuance Date)	issuance date
Permitted Discharge Volume	830 gallons per day

**NMED Contact Information**

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