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## PUBLIC NOTICE

# Groundwater Discharge Permits Proposed for Approval

## February 21, 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-notices/>, at the NMED field office nearest to the proposed permitted activity, or by contacting the NMED Permit Contact identified below. NMED also maintains facility-specific mailing lists for persons wishing to receive associated notices for a permitting action.

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

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

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

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

Enclosure: Groundwater Discharge Permits Proposed for Approval



### Discharge Permit: DP-703, Double M Ranch

- County: Curry | Closest City: Clovis
- Applicant: Matt Ballou, PO Box 65414 Lubbock, TX 79464.
- NMED Permit Contact: Amanda Otieno, Water Resource Professional, [Amanda.Otieno@env.nm.gov](mailto:Amanda.Otieno@env.nm.gov) or [acs.general@env.nm.gov](mailto:acs.general@env.nm.gov), Telephone: 505-819-1219 or 505-827-2900.
- Draft permits may be viewed on-line at <https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/> under the tab for the facility's county.
- The Public Involvement Plan may be viewed online at <https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/> or at the NMED office in Clovis: 100 E Manana, Unit 3, Clovis, NM 88101.
- Written comments or requests for a hearing for DP-703 accepted until 5:00 p.m. MDT, March 24, 2025.

**Notice:** DP-703, Double M Ranch: Matt Ballou proposes to renew the Discharge Permit for closure of a former dairy. No discharge will occur under this Discharge Permit, as dairy related operations have ceased. Potential contaminants of concern include nitrogen compounds. The facility is located at 1251 – 1299 Curry Rd F, approximately 3 miles east of Clovis, in Section 31, Township 3 North, Range 37 East, Curry County. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 392 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of 264 milligrams per liter.

### Discharge Permit: DP-1759, City of Texico Wastewater Treatment Facility

- County: Curry | Closest City: Texico
- Applicant: City of Texico, Jerry Bradley, Mayor, P.O. Box 208, 219 Griffin Street, Texico, NM 88135
- NMED Permit Contact: Andrew Romero, Water Resource Professional, [AndrewC.Romero@env.nm.gov](mailto:AndrewC.Romero@env.nm.gov) or [pps.general@env.nm.gov](mailto:pps.general@env.nm.gov), Telephone: 505-660-8624 or 505-827-2900.
- Draft permits may be viewed on-line at <https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/> under the tab for the facility's county.
- The Public Involvement Plan may be viewed online at <https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/> or at the NMED office in Clovis: 100 E Manana, Unit 3, Clovis, NM 88101.
- Written comments or requests for a hearing for DP-1759 accepted until 5:00 p.m. MDT, March 24, 2025.

**Notice:** DP-1759, City of Texico Wastewater Treatment Facility: The City of Texico proposes to renew the Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 170,000 gallons per day of domestic wastewater to a treatment and disposal system. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include nitrogen compounds. The facility is located at 824 State Line Road, Texico, in Section 15, Township 02 North, Range 37 East, Curry County. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 360 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of less than 200 milligrams per liter.



## Discharge Permit: DP-539, Doña Ana County Mesquite Liquid Waste Disposal Facility

- County: Doña Ana | Closest City: Mesquite
- Applicant: Robert Herrera, Utilities Director, 845 North Motel Boulevard, Las Cruces, NM 88007
- NMED Permit Contact: Gerald Knutson, Water Resource Professional, [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.
- 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-539 accepted until 5:00 p.m. MDT, March 24, 2025.

**Notice:** DP-539, Doña Ana County Mesquite Liquid Waste Disposal Facility proposes to renew the Discharge Permit for groundwater monitoring only. No discharge will occur under DP-539. Contaminants of concern included nitrogen compounds. The facility is located at 725 County Road B-059, approximately 2.4 miles northeast of Mesquite in Section 29, Township 24 South, Range 03 East, Doña Ana County. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 230 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of 1,500 milligrams per liter.

## Discharge Permit: DP-1602, Chaparral Wastewater Treatment Plant

- County: Doña Ana | Closest City: Chaparral
- Applicant: Doña Ana County Utilities, Robert Herrera, Director, 845 N. Motel Blvd., Las Cruces, NM 88007
- NMED Permit Contact: Kambray Townsend, Water Resource Professional, [Kambray.Townsend@env.nm.gov](mailto:Kambray.Townsend@env.nm.gov) or [pps.general@env.nm.gov](mailto: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-1602 accepted until 5:00 p.m. MDT, March 24, 2025.

**Notice:** DP-1602, Chaparral Wastewater Treatment Facility: Doña Ana County Utilities proposes to renew and modify the Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 300,000 gallons per day of domestic wastewater to a treatment and disposal system. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include nitrogen compounds. The facility is located at 190 Chaparral Drive, Chaparral, in Sections 27 and 34, Township 26 South, Range 05 East, Doña Ana County. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 320 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of 613 milligrams per liter.



## Discharge Permit: DP-1403, Continental Mine

- County: Grant | Closest City: Silver City
- Applicant: Freeport McMoRan-Chino Mines Company, Randy Ellison, General Manager, PO Box 10, Bayard, NM 88023
- NMED Permit Contact: David W. Mercer, Water Resources Professional, [David.Mercer1@env.nm.gov](mailto:David.Mercer1@env.nm.gov) or [mecs.general@env.nm.gov](mailto:mecs.general@env.nm.gov), Telephone: 505-372-8545 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-1403 accepted until 5:00 p.m. MDT, March 24, 2025.

**Notice:** DP-1403, Continental Mine: Randy Ellison, General Manager, Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company, proposes to renew Discharge Permit 1403 for authorization of a proposed closure plan to control the discharge of water contaminants from the Continental Mine Facility into ground and surface water following closure of mine units at the Continental Mine. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include total dissolved solids, sulfate, and metals. The facility is located 1/2 mile west of Fierro, New Mexico, in Sections 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 20, 21, 29, 31, and 32, Township 17 South, Range 12 West, Grant County. Groundwater beneath the site ranges from a depth of approximately 1 to 200 feet below ground surface and has a total dissolved solids concentration range from approximately 350 to 1,400 milligrams per liter.

## Discharge Permit: DP-1237, Village of Mosquero Wastewater Treatment Plant

- County: Harding | Closest City: Mosquero
- Applicant: Village of Mosquero, Victor R. Vigil, Mayor, P.O. Box 116, Mosquero, NM 87733
- NMED Permit Contact: Andrew Romero, Water Resource Professional, [AndrewC.Romero@env.nm.gov](mailto:AndrewC.Romero@env.nm.gov) or [pps.general@env.nm.gov](mailto:pps.general@env.nm.gov), Telephone: 505-660-8624 or 505-827-2900.
- Draft permits may be viewed on-line at <https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/> under the tab for the facility's county.
- The Public Involvement Plan may be viewed online at <https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/> or at the NMED office in Las Vegas: 2538 Ridgerunner Road, Las Vegas, NM 87701.
- Written comments or requests for a hearing for DP-1237 accepted until 5:00 p.m. MDT, March 24, 2025.

**Notice:** DP-1237, Village of Mosquero Wastewater Treatment Plant: Village of Mosquero proposes to renew the Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 9,900 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 the south end of 5th Street, Mosquero, in Section 22, Township 18 North, Range 28 East, Harding County. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 45 to 80 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of 280 milligrams per liter.



## Discharge Permit: DP-1359, Rio Arriba County Rural Events Center

- County: Rio Arriba | Closest City: Abiquiu
- Applicant: Rio Arriba County, Jeremy G. Maestas, County Manager, 1122 Industrial Park Rd, Española, NM 87532
- NMED Permit Contact: Deborah Carpenter, Water Resource Professional, [Deborah.Carpenter@env.nm.gov](mailto:Deborah.Carpenter@env.nm.gov) or [pps.general@env.nm.gov](mailto:pps.general@env.nm.gov), Telephone: 505-531-7430 or 505-827-2900.
- Draft permits may be viewed on-line at <https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/> under the tab for the facility's county.
- The Public Involvement Plan may be viewed online at <https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/> or at the NMED office in Española: 712 La Joya Street, Española, NM 87532.
- Written comments or requests for a hearing for DP-1359 accepted until 5:00 p.m. MDT, March 24, 2025.

**Notice:** DP-1359, Rio Arriba County Rural Events Center: Rio Arriba County proposes to renew the Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 6,000 gallons per day of domestic wastewater to a treatment and disposal system. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include nitrogen compounds. The facility is located on NM Highway 554, House #122A, Mendanales, approximately four miles east of Abiquiu, in Section 18 (projected), Township 23 North, Range 7 East, Rio Arriba County. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 5 to 31 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of 894 milligrams per liter.

## Discharge Permit: DP-1287, Mathews Dairy

- County: Roosevelt | Closest City: Portales
- Applicant: Jordan Mathews, 2325 S. RR2, Portales, NM 88101
- NMED Permit Contact: Keelyn Taylor, Water Resources Professional, [KeelynL.Taylor@env.nm.gov](mailto:KeelynL.Taylor@env.nm.gov) or [acs.general@env.nm.gov](mailto:acs.general@env.nm.gov), Telephone: 505-469-4764 or 505-827-2900.
- Draft permits may be viewed on-line at <https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/> under the tab for the facility's county.
- The Public Involvement Plan may be viewed online at <https://www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/> or at the NMED office in Clovis: 100 E Manana, Unit 3, Clovis, NM 88101.
- Written comments or requests for a hearing for DP-1287 accepted until 5:00 p.m. MDT, March 24, 2025.

**Notice:** DP-1287, Mathews Dairy: Jordan Mathews proposes to renew and modify the Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 15,000 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 2325 S. RR2, Portales, approximately 9 miles northwest of Portales in Section 13, Township 1 South, Range 33 East, Roosevelt. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 68 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of 330 milligrams per liter.

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