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PUBLIC NOTICE

Groundwater Discharge Permit Applications Submitted to the Department for Review

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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.

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Enclosure: Groundwater Discharge Permit Applications Submitted for Review



Discharge Permit: DP-1455, Route 77 Dairy

- County: Curry | Closest City: Texico
- Applicant: Dean Van Dam, 197 State Road 77, Texico NM 88135
- NMED Permit Contact: Keelyn Taylor, Water Resources Professional, KeelynL.Taylor@env.nm.gov or acs.general@env.nm.gov, Telephone: 505-469-4764 or 505-827-2900.

Notice: DP-1455, Route 77 Dairy: Dean Van Dam proposes to renew the Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 49,900 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 197 State Road 77, approximately 9 miles north of Texico, in Section 3, Township 3 North, Range 37 East, Curry. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 329-355 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of 10,000 milligrams per liter.

Discharge Permit: DP-1863, Sands RV Park

- County: Eddy | Closest City: Carlsbad
- Applicant: Sands RV Park, Scott Goodale, Managing Member, 3716 118th St, Lubbock, TX 79423
- NMED Permit Contact: Miila Gollette, Water Resource Professional, Miila.Gollette@env.nm.gov or [pps.general@env.nm.gov](mailto:pss.general@env.nm.gov), Telephone: 505-795-4046 or 505-827-2900.

Notice: DP-1863, Sands RV Park: Scott Goodale proposes to renew the Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 15,000 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 2409 E. Greene Street, Carlsbad, NM 88220, approximately 5 miles east of Carlsbad, in Section 26, Township 21 South, Range 27 East, Eddy County. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 36 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of 2,600 milligrams per liter.

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

- County: Grant | Closest City: Silver City
- Applicant: Randy B. Ellison, General Manager, Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company PO Box 10, Bayard, NM 88023
- NMED Permit Contact: Jordan Anderson, Water Resources Professional, Jordan.Anderson@env.nm.gov or mecs.general@env.nm.gov, Telephone: 505-660-8908 or 505-827-2900.

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



Discharge Permit: DP-259, TV Rockridge 2 Dairy

- County: Lea | Closest City: Hobbs
- Applicant: Michael Tevelde, 2515 Stiles Rd, Hobbs, NM 88240
- NMED Permit Contact: Amanda Otieno, Water Resource Professional, Amanda.Otieno@env.nm.gov or acs.general@env.nm.gov, Telephone: 505-819-1219 or 505-827-2900.

Notice: DP-259, TV Rockridge 2 Dairy: Michael Tevelde proposes to renew and modify the Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 27,500 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 and discharge locations are located at 12923 North Knowles Rd, approximately 7 miles north of Hobbs in Section 9, Township 17 South, Range 38 East, Lea 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 395 milligrams per liter.

Discharge Permit: DP-1018, Bandelier National Monument

- County: Los Alamos | Closest City: Los Alamos
- Applicant: United States Department of the Interior – National Park Service, Bandelier National Monument, Joseph Gurule, Chief, Division of Facility Management and Historic Preservation, 15 Entrance Road, Los Alamos, NM 87544
- NMED Permit Contact: Mi'ila Gollette, Water Resource Professional, Miila.Gollette@env.nm.gov or pps.general@env.nm.gov, Telephone: 505-795-4046 or 505-827-2900.

Notice: DP-1018, Bandelier National Monument: United States Department of the Interior – National Park Service, Bandelier National Monument proposes to renew the Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 21,120 gallons per day of domestic wastewater to a disposal system. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include nitrogen compounds. The facility is located at 15 Entrance Road, Los Alamos, NM 87544, approximately 6 miles south of Los Alamos, in Sections 14, 23, and 25 (projected), Township 18 North, Range 06 East, Los Alamos County. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 466 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of 1,000 milligrams per liter.



Discharge Permit: DP-1988, Riata Organic Soils

- County: Otero | Closest City: La Luz
- Applicant: Quest 4 Corporation, John Ferdetta, Operator, PO Box 1163, Cloudcroft, NM 88317
- NMED Permit Contact: Lochlin Farrell, Geoscientist, Lochlin.Farrell@env.nm.gov or pps.general@env.nm.gov, Telephone: (505) 660-8061 or 505-827-2900.

Notice: DP-1988, Riata Organic Soils: Quest 4 Corporation proposes a new Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 5,000 gallons per day of septage to a disposal area and 300 gallons per day of car wash wastewater to a treatment and disposal system. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include nitrogen compounds, total dissolved solids and metals. The facility is located at 174 Riata Road, La Luz, in Section 20, Township 15 South, Range 10 East, Otero County. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 180 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of 1,654 milligrams per liter.

Discharge Permit: DP-1880, Santa Fe Municipal Recreation Complex

- County: Santa Fe | Closest City: Santa Fe
- Applicant: City of Santa Fe, Melissa McDonald, Parks Division Director, 200 Lincoln Avenue, Santa Fe, NM 87504
- NMED Permit Contact: Jennifer Fullam, Reuse Team Lead, Jennifer.Fullam@env.nm.gov or pps.general@env.nm.gov, Telephone: 505-670-2496 or 505-827-2900.

Notice: DP-1880, Santa Fe Municipal Recreation Complex: City of Santa Fe proposes to renew and modify the Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 3.48 million gallons per day of reclaimed domestic wastewater to a reuse area. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include nitrogen compounds. The facility is located at 205 Caja del Rio Road, approximately 7 miles west of Santa Fe, in Section(s) 21, 22, 26, 27, and 35, Township, 17 North Range 08 East, Santa Fe. Groundwater most likely to be affected is at a depth of approximately 120 feet and had a pre-discharge total dissolved solids concentration of 350 milligrams per liter.



Discharge Permit: DP-1840, Copper Flat Mine

- County: Sierra | Closest City: Truth or Consequences
- Applicant: Stephen Crosby, Senior Vice President of Development New Mexico, Copper Corporation
P.O. Box 4209 Truth or Consequences, NM 87901
- NMED Permit Contact: Jordan Anderson, Water Resources Professional,
Jordan.Anderson@env.nm.gov or mecs.general@env.nm.gov, Telephone: 505-660-8908 or 505-827-2900.

Notice: DP-1840, New Mexico Copper Corporation; Copper Flat Mine, Stephen Crosby, Senior Vice President of Development, proposes to renew and modify the Discharge Permit for the discharge of up to 1,613,000 gallons per day of entrained process water in 38,000 tons of dry tailings to a lined dry stack tailing pile. The modification includes changing the tailing management process through construction of a lined dry stack tailing pile and associated infrastructure. Potential contaminants from this type of discharge include sulfate, nitrate, total dissolved solids, and metals. The facility is located at 85 Copper Rock Rd approximately 5 miles Northeast of Hillsboro, in Sections 30 and 31, Township 15 South, Range 6 West, Sections 25, 26, 35 and 36, Township 15 South, Range 7 West, and Section 6, Township 16 South, Range 6 West, Sierra County. Groundwater beneath the site is at a depth of approximately 7 to 156 feet and has a total dissolved solids concentration of approximately 317-868 milligrams per liter.

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