

AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES,
NPDES PERMIT NO. NM0030759.

The stormwater discharges from Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) solid waste management units (SWMUs) and Areas of Concern (AOCs) are managed by

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The facility locates in Los Alamos County, New Mexico. Under the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Codes 9922, 9711, 9661, and 9611, LANL is a large multi-disciplinary facility which conducts national defense research and development, scientific research, space research and technology development, and energy development.

The discharges are to receiving waters consisting of various tributaries in Waterbody Segment Code No. 20.6.4.126 and 20.6.4.128 of the Rio Grande Basin.

EPA proposed reissuance of LANL's NPDES storm water permit to replace the current permit which was modified in September 2010, with an effective date of November 1, 2010, and an expiration date of March 31, 2014. The modified permit, which has been administratively continued, authorizes discharges of storm water runoff from over 400 solid waste management units (SWMUs) and areas of concern (AOCs) on LANL property. This action also suspended the draft permit public noticed on March 28, 2015.

A fact sheet is available.

Public Meeting & Public Hearing

The Presiding Officer designated by the Regional Administrator of EPA, Region 6, will conduct a public hearing on the draft NPDES permit, with a public information meeting and question and answer session prior to the public hearing, at the locations below:

Los Alamos National Laboratory Permit No. NM0028355

Place: Pojoaque Valley Sixth Grade Academy
1574 State Road 502 West, Santa Fe, NM 87506
Time: Public Meeting 5:00 pm; Public Hearing 7:00 pm
Date: January 15, 2020

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Place: Pojoaque Valley Sixth Grade Academy
1574 State Road 502 West, Santa Fe, NM 87506
Time: Public Meeting 5:00 pm; Public Hearing 7:00 pm
Date: To be determined

Registration for the hearing will be thirty (30) minutes before the start of the hearing. Any person requiring special arrangements should notify EPA through the contact person listed below within ten (10) days of this notice. The public hearing will be held in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 124.12. At the public hearing, any person may submit oral or written statements and data concerning the proposed permit. Any person who cannot attend the public hearing may still submit written comments through the end of the comment period.

For more information, please contact Ms. Evelyn Rosborough, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, at (214) 665-7515 or Rosborough.evelyn@epa.gov.

State Certification

This Notice also serves as Public Notice of the intent of the New Mexico Environment Department, Surface Water Quality Bureau to consider issuing Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401 Certification. The purpose of such certification is to reasonably ensure that the permitted activities will be conducted in a manner that will comply with applicable New Mexico water quality standards, including the anti-degradation policy, and the statewide water quality management plan. The NPDES permit will not be issued until the certification requirements of Section 401 have been met.

If you want to comment, please submit written comments within the 60-day period from 11/30/2019 thru 1/28/2020 to:

Update: Comment period extended until 3/31/2020.

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