

NPDES authorization to discharge to waters of the United States, Permit No. NM0031135

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As described in the application, the City of Farmington Bluffview Power Plant (BPP) is located at 755 W. Murray Drive, Farmington, San Juan County, New Mexico. Under the Standard Industrial Classification Code 4911, the BPP is a steam electrical power plant.

BPP is owned and operated by the City of Farmington Electric Utility System (FEUS) and is a natural gas-fired generation plant. The BPP was built in 2004 and consists of one combustion turbine, one heat recovery steam generator and one steam turbine. It can generate a nominal 62 megawatt of electricity. BPP is proposing to discharge plant effluent directly to the San Juan River downstream of the confluence with the Animas River.

It is proposed that the permit be issued for a 5-year term following regulations promulgated at 40 CFR §122.46(a).

Changes from the previous permit are:

1. Added electronic reporting rules.
2. Added Sufficiently Sensitive Methods.
3. Updated WET language.
4. Updated loading limitations for TSS and O&G.
5. Updated Critical Dilution.

A fact sheet is available.

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 antidegradation 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 on State Certification submit written comments within the 30-day period to:

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