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DALLAS, TX 75270

November 14, 2024

Via Email

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Re: Application to Discharge to Waters of the United States Permit No. NM0022250, Southside Water Reclamation Plant

Dear Ms. Shuryn:

Your application for a NPDES permit was received via mail on May 30, 2024. In accordance with the Environmental Permit Regulations, (40 CFR 124.3(c), 54 FR 18785, May 2, 1989), it was reviewed and determined to be administratively complete. Please note that at the time your permit is processed for issuance, we may request additional information including effluent testing.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have questions concerning this submittal, please contact Tung Nguyen at (214) 665-7153.

Sincerely yours

Brent Larsen
Supervisor
Permitting Section

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From: [Shuryn, Danielle](#)
To: [Nguyen, Tung](#)
Subject: RE: ABCWUA NPDES NM0022250 - Draft Permit Comments
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image006.png

Hi Tung,

I have checked in a couple of places and we do not indicate a time because it depends on the size of the spill. If it was large enough where downstream water users could be impacted, then we would send out a notice as soon as the information is confirmed. The last time that we had to issue a press release to downstream water users was a very large spill in 2022 and it took between 24 and 48 hours to confirm everything, notify key stakeholders, get a bypass established on the collapsed line to stop the spilling, then issue the press release.

Last year we had an issue at a school where people broke through the barricades of a clean up that was ongoing, so our clean up crews are also working on increased security with temporary fencing and signage to be very clear for the public with sites that have to be barricaded for any length of time.

Thanks
Danielle

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From: Nguyen, Tung <Nguyen.Tung@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, September 8, 2025 10:10 AM
To: Shuryn, Danielle <dshuryn@abcwua.org>
Subject: RE: ABCWUA NPDES NM0022250 - Draft Permit Comments

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Good morning, Danielle.

How soon do you notify the public (once the overflow occurs) via press release mentioned under Item 1 below?

Thanks,

From: Shuryn, Danielle <dshuryn@abcwua.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 6:49 PM
To: Nguyen, Tung <Nguyen.Tung@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: ABCWUA NPDES NM0022250 - Draft Permit Comments

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Mr. Nguyen,

1. The current OERP is attached and the direct links to the websites are below where the CMOM and OERP are available online (on the website navigate under Sewer then in the Collections section). We update this plan annually with new contact information from other entities at a minimum. We do notify the public with a press release if an overflow occurs that reaches the river and is a general public health concern. Typically the overflows that occur are removed with a VACTOR truck and cleaned within an hour or so of receiving notice of the overflow, so we do not provide public notice in all situations.

If additional public notice is required for SSOs, for drinking water construction and water outages that only apply to certain neighborhoods, we typically use the Nextdoor online app to provide notice to smaller areas, so we could adopt that process for overflows as well. We could also have a webpage that lists the overflows that occurred in case folks want to know about what happened after it is cleaned up.

<https://www.abcwua.org/sewer-system-cmom-reports/>

https://www.abcwua.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/OERP_02-13-2025_Final.pdf

2. A copy of the application form 2a is attached, the full list of permitted industries and details from that time are on pages 60-102 of the pdf. I also attached a quick excel export from our database of the current permitted industries if you are looking for a brief list, but we do have a couple more already added this year.

Thanks
Danielle

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From: Nguyen, Tung <Nguyen.Tung@epa.gov>

Sent: Thursday, August 7, 2025 9:41 AM
To: Shuryn, Danielle <dshuryn@abcwua.org>
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Good morning, Ms. Shuryn,

We have the following questions:

1. Is there a plan for Overflow Emergency Response available? If so, is this plan included in the CMOM as required in the permit? We need copy of this plan and may need to post it online. In case an overflow occurs, does the permittee notify the public (within 5-mile radius) within 24 hours? If so, how?
2. Can we have a copy of the list for the 66 SIUs stated in the application?

Regards,

From: Shuryn, Danielle <dshuryn@abcwua.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 6, 2025 5:40 PM
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Mr. Nguyen,
Please find attached the Water Authority's comments on the draft permit for the open public comment period.
Thanks
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From: Nguyen, Tung <Nguyen.Tung@epa.gov>

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Good morning,

The public comment period has been extended to August 7, 2025. Please note that comments can be submitted to EPA via the email, which has been changed since the PN started on May 24, 2025. Comment maybe copied to me if desired.

<https://www.epa.gov/nm/albuquerque-bernalillo-county-water-utility-authority-abcwua-draft-npdes-permit-no-nm0022250-1>

Regards,

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Date: November 17, 2025 at 1:01 PM
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Hi Tung,

We are planning on following up with NMED on their 401 certification comments and I am struggling to find a citation on that process, do you have one? Is it State or EPA regulations that it follows?

I am looking for what opportunity the Water Authority has to appeal in the process, so that we can be heard on the expected hardship that such a low numeric standard with such a short compliance schedule would bring. The 339mg/L water quality standard for TDS is less than what we see in some of our drinking groundwater wells. It is unattainable in the short term and we would like to request reconsideration and at least a compliance schedule of 15-20 years to make changes to industrial pretreatment requirements and implementation before we can assess if treatment is needed at the POTW.

Thanks
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