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GROUND WATER QUALITY BUREAU
DISCHARGE PERMIT
Issued under 20.6.2 NMAC

Facility Name: Ramah Wastewater Treatment Facility
Discharge Permit Number: DP-1235
Facility Location: Terminus of Treatment Plant Road
Ramah, NM

County: McKinley

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I. INTRODUCTION

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) issues this groundwater discharge permit Renewal (Discharge Permit or DP-1235) to the Ramah Water and Sanitation District (Permittee) pursuant to the New Mexico Water Quality Act (WQA), NMSA 1978 §§74-6-1 through 74-6-17, and the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) Ground and Surface Water Protection Regulations, 20.6.2 NMAC.

NMED's purpose in issuing this Discharge Permit, and in imposing the requirements and conditions specified herein, is to control the discharge of water contaminants from Ramah Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF or Facility) in order to protect groundwater and those segments of surface water gaining from groundwater inflow for present and potential future use as domestic and agricultural water supply and other uses, and to protect public health. It is NMED's determination in issuing this Discharge Permit that the Permittee has met the requirements of Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC. The Permittee is responsible for complying with the terms and conditions of this Discharge Permit pursuant to Section 20.6.2.3104 NMAC; failure to do so may result in enforcement action by NMED (20.6.2.1220 NMAC).

Described below are the activities that produce the discharge, the location of the discharge, and the quantity, quality, and flow characteristics.

The WWTF receives and treats domestic wastewater at a volume of up to 45,000 gallons per day (gpd). The Facility discharges treated wastewater to Cebolla Creek, via the Togyey Drain, in accordance with the Facility's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit #NM0023396.

The discharge may contain water contaminants or toxic pollutants elevated above the standards of Section 20.6.2.3103 NMAC and is not subject to the exemption at Subsection 20.6.2.3105.A NMAC.

The Facility is located at the terminus of Treatment Plant Road, in Ramah, in Section 02, Township 10N, Range 16W, in McKinley County. A discharge at the Facility is most likely to affect groundwater at a depth of approximately 20 feet and having a pre-discharge total dissolved solids (TDS) concentration of approximately 6,930 milligrams per liter.

NMED issued the original Discharge Permit to the Permittee on February 11, 2002. The application (i.e., discharge plan) associated with this Discharge Permit consists of the materials submitted dated February 23, 2021 and materials contained in the administrative record prior to issuance of this Discharge Permit.

The Permittee shall manage the discharge in accordance with all conditions and requirements of this Discharge Permit.

NMED reserves the right to require a Discharge Permit modification in the event NMED determines that the Permittee is or may be violating, or is likely to violate in the future, the requirements of 20.6.2 NMAC or the standards of Section 20.6.2.3103 NMAC. NMED reserves this right pursuant to Section 20.6.2.3109 NMAC. An NMED requirement to modify the Discharge Permit may result from a determination by the department that structural controls and/or management practices approved under this Discharge Permit are insufficiently protective of groundwater quality and human health. NMED reserves the right to require the Permittee implement abatement of water pollution and remediate groundwater quality.

NMED issuance of this Discharge Permit does not relieve the Permittee of the responsibility to comply with the WQA, WQCC Regulations, and any other applicable federal, state and/or local laws and regulations, such as zoning requirements and nuisance ordinances.

This Discharge Permit may use the following acronyms and abbreviations.

Abbreviation	Explanation	Abbreviation	Explanation
CAP	Corrective Action Plan	NMSA	New Mexico Statutes Annotated
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations	NO ₃ -N	nitrate-nitrogen
Cl	chloride	QA/QC	Quality Assurance/Quality Control
EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency	TDS	total dissolved solids
gpd	gallons per day	TKN	total Kjeldahl nitrogen
mg/L	milligrams per liter	total nitrogen	= TKN + NO ₃ -N
mL	milliliters	WQA	New Mexico Water Quality Act
NMAC	New Mexico Administrative Code	WQCC	Water Quality Control Commission
NMED	New Mexico Environment Department	WWTF	Wastewater Treatment Facility

II. FINDINGS

In issuing this Discharge Permit, NMED finds the following.

1. The Permittee is discharging effluent or leachate from the Facility so that such effluent or leachate may move into groundwater of the State of New Mexico that has an existing concentration of 10,000 mg/L or less of TDS, within the meaning of Subsection A of

20.6.2.3101 NMAC, without exceeding standards of 20.6.2.3103 NMAC for any water contaminant.

2. The Permittee is discharging effluent or leachate from the Facility directly or indirectly into groundwater pursuant to this Discharge Permit and Sections 20.6.2.3000 through 20.6.2.3114 NMAC.
3. The discharge from the Facility is not subject to any of the exemptions of Section 20.6.2.3105 NMAC.

III. AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE

The Permittee is responsible for ensuring that discharges authorized by this Discharge Permit are consistent with the terms and conditions herein pursuant to 20.6.2.3104 NMAC.

This Discharge Permit authorizes the Permittee to receive and treat up to 45,000 gpd of domestic wastewater using an activated sludge package treatment plant consisting of a bar rack, anoxic selector, aeration basin, clarifier, and a chlorine contact chamber with dichlorination. This Discharge Permit authorizes the Permittee to discharge treated wastewater from the treatment plant to Cebolla Creek, via the Togeye Drain, in accordance to the Facility's NPDES Permit #NM0023396. This Discharge Permit also authorizes the Permittee to discharge sludge and solids that are aerobically digested to two concrete-lined sludge drying beds.

[20.6.2.3104 NMAC, Subsection C of 20.6.2.3106 NMAC, Subsection D of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]

IV. CONDITIONS

NMED issues this Discharge Permit for the discharge of water contaminants subject to the following conditions.

A. OPERATIONAL PLAN

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1.	The Permittee shall implement the following operational plan to ensure compliance with Title 20, Chapter 6, Parts 2 and 4 NMAC. [Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]
2.	The Permittee shall operate in a manner that does not violate standards and requirements of Sections 20.6.2.3101 and 20.6.2.3103 NMAC. [20.6.2.3101 NMAC, 20.6.2.3103 NMAC, Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]

Operating Conditions

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3.	<p>The Permittee shall ensure that treated wastewater discharged after disinfection does not exceed the following discharge limit.</p> <p>Total Nitrogen: 15 mg/L</p> <p>[Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]</p>
4.	<p>The Permittee shall maintain fences around the Facility to restrict access by the general public and animals. The fences shall consist of a minimum of six-foot chain link or field fencing and locking gates. The Permittee shall maintain the fences to serve the stated purpose throughout the term of this Discharge Permit.</p> <p>[Subsections B and C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC, NMSA 1978, § 74-6-5.D]</p>
5.	<p>The Permittee shall install and maintain signs indicating that the wastewater at the Facility is not potable. The Permittee shall post signs at the Facility entrance and other areas where there is potential for public contact with wastewater. The Permittee shall print signs in English and Spanish and shall ensure the signs remain visible and legible for the term of this Discharge Permit.</p> <p>[Subsections B and C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC, NMSA 1978, § 74-6-5.D]</p>
6.	<p>The Permittee shall properly manage all solids generated by the treatment system to maintain effective operation of the system by removing solids as necessary and in accordance with associated equipment manufacturer's specifications. The Permittee shall contain, transport, and dispose of all solids removed from the treatment process in accordance with all local, state, and federal regulations.</p> <p>The Permittee shall maintain manifests for all solids transported from the Facility for off-site disposal. The manifests shall identify the name of the hauler, the date of off-site shipment, the volume of solids removed, the disposal method, and disposal location.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]</p>
7.	<p>The Permittee shall inspect and clean the Facility's lift station as needed to prevent pump failure.</p> <p>The Permittee shall maintain a record of lift station inspections, repairs, and cleanings. The Permittee shall make the record available to NMED upon request.</p>

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	[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]
8.	<p>The Permittee shall utilize operators, certified by the State of New Mexico at the appropriate level pursuant to 20.7.4 NMAC, to operate the wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal systems. A certified operator or a direct supervisee of a certified operator shall perform the operations and maintenance of all or any part of the wastewater system.</p> <p>The Permittee shall notify the NMED within 24 hours if at any time the Permittee no longer has a certified operator maintaining the system.</p> <p>[Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC, 20.7.4 NMAC]</p>

B. MONITORING AND REPORTING

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9.	<p>The Permittee shall conduct the monitoring, reporting, and other requirements listed below in accordance with the monitoring requirements of this Discharge Permit.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]</p>
10.	<p>METHODOLOGY - Unless otherwise specified by this Discharge Permit, or approved in writing by NMED, the Permittee shall use sampling and analytical techniques that conform with the references listed in Subsection B of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC.</p> <p>[Subsection B of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]</p>
11.	<p>Quarterly monitoring - The Permittee shall perform monitoring and other Permit required actions during the following periods and shall submit quarterly reports to NMED by the following due dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 1st through March 31st – due by May 1st; • April 1st through June 30th – due by August 1st; • July 1st through September 30th – due by November 1st; and • October 1st through December 31st – due by February 1st. <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]</p>

Groundwater Monitoring Conditions

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12.	<p>The Permittee shall perform quarterly groundwater sampling in the following groundwater monitoring wells and analyze the samples for total Kjeldahl nitrogen (TKN), nitrate-nitrogen (NO₃-N), TDS, and chloride (Cl).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) MW-1, located hydrologically upgradient of the Facility. b) MW-2, located hydrologically downgradient of the sludge drying beds. c) MW-3, located hydrologically downgradient of the Facility and NPDES Outfall. <p>The Permittee shall perform groundwater sample collection, preservation, transportation, and analysis according to the following procedures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Measure the depth-to-most-shallow groundwater from the top of the well casing to the nearest one-hundredth of a foot. b) Purge three well volumes of water from the well prior to sample collection. c) Obtain samples from the well for analysis. d) Properly prepare, preserve, and transport samples. e) Analyze samples in accordance with the methods authorized in this Discharge Permit. <p>The Permittee shall submit the depth-to-most-shallow groundwater measurements and the laboratory analytical data results including the laboratory QA/QC summary report for each well, and a Facility layout map showing the location and number of each well to NMED in the quarterly monitoring reports.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]</p>
13.	<p>The Permittee shall develop a groundwater elevation contour map, i.e., potentiometric surface map, on a quarterly basis using the top of casing elevation data from the monitoring well survey and the most recent depth-to-most-shallow groundwater measurements, referenced to mean sea level, obtained during the groundwater sampling required by this Discharge Permit.</p> <p>The groundwater elevation contour map shall depict the groundwater flow direction based on the groundwater elevation contours. The Permittee shall estimate groundwater elevations between monitoring well locations using common interpolation methods. The Permittee shall use a contour interval appropriate to the data but shall not be greater than two feet. Groundwater elevation contour maps shall use arrows to depict the groundwater flow direction based on the orientation of the groundwater elevation contours and shall locate and identify each monitoring well and contaminant source.</p> <p>The Permittee shall submit to NMED a groundwater elevation contour map in the quarterly monitoring reports.</p>

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	[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]
14.	<p>NMED shall have the option to perform downhole inspections of all groundwater monitoring wells identified in this Discharge Permit. NMED shall establish the inspection date and provide at least a 60-day notice to the Permittee by certified mail. The Permittee shall remove any existing dedicated pumps at least 48 hours prior to NMED inspection to allow adequate settling time of sediment agitated from pump removal.</p> <p>Should the Permittee decide to install a pump in a monitoring well without a dedicated pump, the Permittee shall notify NMED at least 90 days prior to pump installation so that NMED can schedule a downhole well inspection(s) prior to pump placement.</p> <p>[Subsections A and D of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]</p>

Facility Monitoring Conditions

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15.	<p>The Permittee shall measure the total monthly volume, calculate the daily average volume, and record the daily peak volume of treated wastewater discharged from the package treatment plant each month using a Greyline Instruments Inc. Open Channel Flow Monitor Model OCF 5.0. The Permittee shall submit the totalized effluent volumes for each month to NMED in the quarterly monitoring reports.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsections C and H of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]</p>
16.	<p>The flow meter shall be capable of having its accuracy verified under working (i.e., real-time in-the-field) conditions. The Permittee shall develop a field verification method for the flow meter and shall utilize that method to check the accuracy of the meter. The Permittee shall perform field calibrations, at a minimum, once within 90 days of the issuance date of this Discharge Permit (by DATE). The Permittee shall also perform field calibrations upon repair or replacement of the flow measurement device.</p> <p>The Permittee shall calibrate the flow meter to its manufacturer's recommended specification which shall be no less accurate than plus or minus 10 percent of actual flow, as measured under field conditions. An individual knowledgeable in flow measurement shall perform field calibration and the installation/operation of the device in use. The Permittee shall prepare a flow meter calibration report for the flow measurement device calibration event. The flow meter calibration report shall include the following information.</p>

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	<p>a) The location and meter identification.</p> <p>b) The method of flow meter field calibration employed.</p> <p>c) The measured accuracy of the flow meter prior to adjustment indicating the positive or negative offset as a percentage of actual flow as determined by an in-field calibration check.</p> <p>d) The measured accuracy of the flow meter following adjustment, if necessary, indicating the positive or negative offset as a percentage of actual flow of the meter.</p> <p>e) Any flow meter repairs made during the previous year or during field calibration.</p> <p>f) The name of the individual performing the calibration and the date of the calibration.</p> <p>The Permittee shall maintain records of flow meter calibration(s) at a location accessible for review by NMED during Facility inspections.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsections C and H of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]</p>
17.	<p>The Permittee shall visually inspect the flow meter on a monthly basis for evidence of malfunction. The Permittee shall maintain a log of the inspections that includes a date of the inspection, findings and repairs, and the name of the inspector. The Permittee shall make the log available to NMED upon request.</p> <p>If a visual inspection indicates the flow meter is not functioning as required by this Discharge Permit, the Permittee shall repair or replace the meter within 30 days of discovery. For <i>repaired</i> meters, the Permittee shall submit a report to NMED with the next monitoring report following the repair that includes a description of the malfunction; a statement verifying the repair; and a flow meter field calibration report completed in accordance with the requirements of this Discharge Permit. For <i>replacement</i> meters, the Permittee shall submit a report to NMED with the next monitoring report following the replacement that includes a design schematic for the device and a flow meter field calibration report completed in accordance with the requirements of this Discharge Permit.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]</p>
18.	<p>The Permittee shall collect samples of treated wastewater after disinfection on a quarterly basis and analyze the samples for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TKN; • NO₃-N; • TDS; and • Cl.

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	<p>The Permittee shall properly prepare, preserve, transport, and analyze the samples in accordance with the methods authorized in this Discharge Permit. The Permittee shall submit the laboratory analytical data results, including the QA/QC summary and Chain of Custody, to NMED in the subsequent quarterly monitoring report.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsections C and H of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]</p>
19.	<p>Once during the term of this Discharge Permit (by December 31, 2023), the Permittee shall collect a 24-hour flow weighted composite sample (except as noted for pH) of treated wastewater after disinfection and analyze the sample for the following inorganic contaminants (dissolved fraction, except as noted):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • aluminum (CAS 7429-90-5) • antimony (CAS 7440-36-0) • arsenic (CAS 7440-38-2) • barium CAS 7440-39-3) • beryllium (CAS 7440-41-7) • boron (CAS 7440-42-8) • cadmium (CAS 7440-43-9) • chromium (CAS 7440-47-3) • cobalt (CAS 7440-48-4) • copper (CAS 7440-50-8) • cyanide CAS 57-12-5) • fluoride (CAS 16984-48-8) • iron (CAS 7439-89-6) • lead (CAS 7439-92-1) • manganese (CAS 7439-96-5) • molybdenum (CAS 7439-98-7) • total mercury (nonfiltered) (CAS 7439-97-6) • pH (instantaneous) • nickel (CAS 7440-02-0) • radioactivity: combined radium-226 & radium-228 (CAS 15262-20-1) • selenium (CAS 7782-49-2) • silver (CAS 7440-224) • sulfate (CAS 14808-79-8) • thallium (CAS 7440-28-0) • uranium (CAS 7440-61-1) • zinc (CAS 7440-66-6) <p>The Permittee shall properly collect, prepare, preserve, transport, and analyzed the samples in accordance with the methods authorized in this Discharge Permit. The Permittee shall analyze the sample using methods with reporting limits that are less than the corresponding numerical groundwater standards identified in 20.6.2.3103 NMAC.</p> <p>The Permittee shall submit a summary of measured concentrations compared with the corresponding groundwater standards, a copy of the laboratory report including the laboratory analytical data results, the QA/QC summary and the Chain of Custody, to NMED in the monitoring report due by February 1, 2024.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsections C and H of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]</p>

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20.	<p>Once during the term of this Discharge Permit (by December 31, 2023), the Permittee shall collect a grab sample of treated wastewater after disinfection and analyze the non-filtered sample for the following organic contaminants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • atrazine (CAS 1912-24-9) • benzene (CAS 71-43-2) • benzo-a-pyrene (CAS 50-32-8) • carbon tetrachloride (CAS 56-23-5) • chloroform (CAS 67-66-3) • 1,2-dichlorobenzene (CAS 95-50-1) • 1,4-dichlorobenzene (CAS 106-46-7) • 1,1-dichloroethane (CAS 75-34-3) • 1,2-dichloroethane (EDC, CAS 107-06-2) • 1,1-dichloroethene (1,1-DCE, CAS 75-35-4) • cis-1,2-dichloroethene (CAS 156-59-2) • trans-1,2-dichloroethene (CAS 156-60-5) • 1,2-dichloropropane (PDC, CAS 78-87-5) • 1,4-dioxane (CAS 123-91-1) (using EPA Method 8270D-SIM) • ethylbenzene (CAS 100-41-4) • ethylene dibromide (EDB, CAS 106-93-4) • methylene chloride (CAS 75-09-2) • <u>PAHs</u>: total naphthalene (CAS 91-20-3) plus monomethylnaphthalenes • phenols • polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs, CAS 1336-36-3) • pentachlorophenol (CAS 87-86-5) • toluene (CAS 108-88-3) • styrene (CAS 100-42-5) • 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane (CAS 79-34-5) • tetrachloroethene (PCE, CAS 127-18-4) • 1,2,4-trichlorobenzene (CAS 120-82-1) • 1,1,1-trichloroethane (1,1,1-TCA, CAS 71-55-6) • 1,1,2-trichloroethane (CAS 79-00-5) • trichloroethene (TCE, CAS 79-01-6) • vinyl chloride (CAS 75-01-4) • total xylenes (CAS 1330-20-7) <p>The Permittee shall properly collect, prepare, preserve, transport, and analyze the samples in accordance with the methods authorized in this Discharge Permit. The Permittee shall analyze samples using methods with reporting limits that are less than the corresponding numerical groundwater standards identified in 20.6.2.3103 NMAC. The reporting limit for 1,4-dioxane shall be less than the Tap Water Screening Level for 1,4-dioxane identified in the <i>NMED Risk Assessment Guidance for Site Assessments and Investigations</i>, Table A-1 (available on the NMED Hazardous Waste Bureau's website under Guidance Documents).</p>

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	<p>The Permittee shall submit a summary of measured concentrations compared with the corresponding groundwater standards, and a copy of the laboratory report including the laboratory analytical data results, the QA/QC summary and the Chain of Custody to NMED in the monitoring report due by February 1, 2024.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsections C and H of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]</p>
21.	<p>The Permittee shall submit records of solids disposal, including a copy of all Discharge Monitoring Reports (i.e., DMRs) required by the EPA pursuant to 40 CFR 503, for the previous calendar year, to NMED annually in the monitoring report due by February 1st of each year.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]</p>

C. CONTINGENCY PLAN

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22.	<p>In the event that groundwater monitoring indicates that groundwater exceeds a standard identified in Section 20.6.2.3103 NMAC in a monitoring well with no previous exceedances of the chemical constituent at the date of issuance of this Discharge Permit, the Permittee shall collect a confirmatory sample from the monitoring well within 15 days of receipt of the initial sampling results to confirm the initial sampling results.</p> <p>Within 60 days of confirmation of groundwater contamination, the Permittee shall submit to NMED a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) that proposes, at a minimum, contaminant source control measures and an implementation schedule. The Permittee shall implement the CAP as approved by NMED.</p> <p>Once this groundwater exceedance response condition is invoked whether during the term of this Discharge Permit or after the term of this Discharge Permit and prior to the completion of the Discharge Permit closure plan requirements, this condition shall apply until the Permittee has fulfilled the requirements of this condition and groundwater monitoring confirms for a minimum of eight (8) consecutive quarterly samples that groundwater does not exceed the standards of Section 20.6.2.3103 NMAC.</p> <p>Violation of the groundwater standard beyond 180 days after the confirmation of groundwater contamination may cause NMED to require the Permittee to abate water pollution consistent with the requirements and provisions of Section 20.6.2.4101, Section</p>

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	<p>20.6.2.4103, Subsections C and E of 20.6.2.4106, Section 20.6.2.4107, Section 20.6.2.4108, and Section 20.6.2.4112 NMAC.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection E of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]</p>
23.	<p>In the event that information available to NMED indicates that a well is not constructed in a manner consistent with the attached Monitoring Well Guidance; contains insufficient water to effectively monitor groundwater quality; or is otherwise not completed in a manner that is protective of groundwater quality, the Permittee shall install a replacement well(s) within 120 days following notification from NMED.</p> <p>The Permittee shall survey the replacement monitoring well(s) within 30 days following well completion.</p> <p>The Permittee shall install replacement wells at locations approved by NMED prior to installation and shall complete replacement wells in accordance with the Monitoring Well Guidance. The Permittee shall submit well construction and lithologic logs, survey data, and a groundwater elevation contour map to NMED within 60 days following well completion.</p> <p>The Permittee shall properly plug and abandon a monitoring well requiring replacement upon completion of the replacement monitoring well. The Permittee shall complete the well plugging and abandonment, and shall document the abandonment procedures, in accordance with the Monitoring Well Guidance and all applicable local, state, and federal regulations. The Permittee shall submit a copy of the well abandonment documentation to NMED within 60 days following the replacement well completion.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]</p>
24.	<p>In the event that groundwater flow information obtained pursuant to this Discharge Permit indicates that a monitoring well is not appropriately located, e.g., hydrologically downgradient of the discharge location it is intended to monitor, the Permittee shall install a replacement well within 120 days following notification from NMED. The Permittee shall survey the replacement monitoring well within 30 days following well completion.</p> <p>The Permittee shall install replacement wells at locations approved by NMED prior to installation and shall complete replacement wells in accordance with the attached Monitoring Well Guidance. The Permittee shall submit construction and lithologic logs, survey data and a groundwater elevation contour map within 60 days following well completion.</p>

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	[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]
25.	<p>In the event that analytical results of a treated wastewater sample indicate an exceedance of the total nitrogen discharge limit set in this Discharge Permit, the Permittee shall collect and submit for analysis a second sample within 48 hours of the receipt of the initial sampling results. In the event the second sample results indicate an exceedance of the discharge limit, the Permittee shall implement the following contingencies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Within 7 days of the second sample analysis date indicating exceedance of the discharge limit, the Permittee shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) notify NMED that the Permittee is implementing the Contingency Plan; and ii) submit a copy of the first and second analytical results indicating an exceedance to NMED. b) The Permittee shall increase the frequency of total nitrogen wastewater sampling and analysis of treated wastewater to once per month. c) The Permittee shall examine the operation and maintenance log, required by the Record Keeping conditions of this Discharge Permit, for improper operational procedures. d) The Permittee shall conduct a physical inspection of the treatment system to detect abnormalities. The Permittee shall correct any abnormalities discovered. The Permittee shall submit a report to NMED detailing the corrections within 30 days of correction. e) In the event that any analytical results from monthly wastewater sampling indicate an exceedance of the total nitrogen discharge limit, the Permittee shall submit a CAP to NMED for approval proposing to modify operational procedures and/or upgrade the treatment process to achieve the total nitrogen limit. The Permittee shall submit the CAP including a schedule for completion of corrective actions and within 90 days of receipt of the analytical results of the second sample indicating that the discharge limit is continuing to be exceeded. The Permittee shall initiate implementation of the CAP following approval by NMED. <p>When analytical results from three consecutive months of wastewater sampling do not exceed the discharge limit, the Permittee may request NMED authorize a return to a quarterly monitoring frequency.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection C of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]</p>
26.	<p>In the event that a release occurs that is not authorized under this Discharge Permit (commonly known as a “spill”), the Permittee shall take measures to mitigate damage from the unauthorized discharge and initiate the notifications and corrective actions required in Section 20.6.2.1203 NMAC and summarized below.</p>

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	<p>Within <u>24 hours</u> following discovery of the unauthorized discharge, the Permittee shall verbally notify NMED and provide the following information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The name, address, and telephone number of the person or persons in charge of the Facility, as well as of the owner and/or operator of the Facility. b) The name and address of the Facility. c) The date, time, location, and duration of the unauthorized discharge. d) The source and cause of unauthorized discharge. e) A description of the unauthorized discharge, including its estimated chemical composition. f) The estimated volume of the unauthorized discharge. g) Any actions taken to mitigate immediate damage from the unauthorized discharge. <p>Within <u>one week</u> following discovery of the unauthorized discharge, the Permittee shall submit written notification to NMED providing the information listed above and any pertinent updates.</p> <p>Within <u>15 days</u> following discovery of the unauthorized discharge, the Permittee shall submit a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) to NMED describing any corrective actions previously taken and corrective actions to be taken relative to the unauthorized discharge. The CAP shall include the following information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A description of proposed actions to mitigate damage from the unauthorized discharge. b) A description of proposed actions to prevent future unauthorized discharges of this nature. c) A schedule for completion of proposed actions. <p>In the event that the unauthorized discharge causes or may with reasonable probability cause water pollution in excess of the standards and requirements of Section 20.6.2.4103 NMAC, and the water pollution will not be abated within 180 days after notice is required to be given pursuant to Paragraph (1) of Subsection A of 20.6.2.1203 NMAC, NMED may require the Permittee to abate water pollution pursuant to Sections 20.6.2.4000 through 20.6.2.4115 NMAC.</p> <p>The Permittee shall not construe anything in this condition as relieving them of the obligation to comply with all requirements of Section 20.6.2.1203 NMAC.</p> <p>[20.6.2.1203 NMAC]</p>
27.	<p>In the event that NMED or the Permittee identifies any failures of the discharge plan, i.e., the application, or this Discharge Permit not specifically noted herein, NMED may require</p>

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	<p>the Permittee to submit a Corrective Action Plan and a schedule for completion of corrective actions to address the failure(s). Additionally, NMED may require a discharge permit modification to achieve compliance with 20.6.2 NMAC.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection E of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]</p>

D. CLOSURE PLAN

Permanent Facility Closure Conditions

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28.	<p>The Permittee shall perform the following closure measures in the event the Facility, or a component of the Facility, is proposed to be permanently closed.</p> <p>Within <u>90 days</u> of ceasing to discharge to the treatment system, the Permittee shall complete the following closure measures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Plug the line leading to the system so that a discharge can no longer occur. b) Evaporate wastewater in the system components or drained and disposed of in accordance with all local, state, and federal regulations. c) Contain, transport, and dispose of solids removed from the treatment system in accordance with all local, state, and federal regulations, including 40 CFR Part 503. The Permittee shall maintain a record of all solids transported for off-site disposal. <p>Within <u>180 days</u> of ceasing to discharge to the treatment system (or unit), the Permittee shall complete the following closure measures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Remove all lines leading to and from the treatment system, or permanently plug and abandon them in place. b) Remove or demolish all treatment system components, and re-grade the area with suitable fill to blend with surface topography, promote positive drainage, and prevent ponding. <p>The Permittee shall continue groundwater monitoring until the Permittee meets the requirements of this condition and groundwater monitoring confirms for a minimum of eight consecutive quarterly groundwater sampling events that groundwater does not exceed the standards of Section 20.6.2.3103 NMAC. This period is referred to as “post-closure.”</p> <p>If at any time monitoring results show an exceedance of a groundwater quality standard in Section 20.6.2.3103 NMAC, the Permittee shall implement the Contingency Plan</p>

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	<p>required by this Discharge Permit.</p> <p>Following notification from NMED that the Permittee may cease post-closure monitoring, the Permittee shall plug and abandon the monitoring wells in accordance with the attached Monitoring Well Guidance.</p> <p>When the Permittee has met all closure and post-closure requirements and verified appropriate actions with date stamped photographic evidence or an associated NMED inspection, the Permittee may submit to NMED a written request, including photographic evidence, for termination of the Discharge Permit.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsection D of 20,6.2.4103 NMAC, 40 CFR Part 503]</p>

E. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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29.	<p>RECORD KEEPING - The Permittee shall maintain a written record of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information and data used to complete the application for this Discharge Permit; • Information, data, and documents demonstrating completion of closure activities; • Any releases (commonly known as “spills”) not authorized under this Discharge Permit and reports submitted pursuant to 20.6.2.1203 NMAC; • The operation, maintenance, and repair of all facilities/equipment used to treat or dispose of wastewater; • Facility record drawings (plans and specifications) showing the actual construction of the Facility and bear the seal and signature of a licensed New Mexico professional engineer; • Copies of logs, inspection reports, and monitoring reports completed and/or submitted to NMED pursuant to this Discharge Permit; • The volume of wastewater or other wastes discharged pursuant to this Discharge Permit; • Groundwater quality and wastewater quality data collected pursuant to this Discharge Permit; • Copies of construction records (well logs) for all sampled groundwater monitoring wells pursuant to this Discharge Permit; • The maintenance, repair, replacement, or calibration of any monitoring equipment or flow measurement devices required by this Discharge Permit; and • Data and information related to field measurements, sampling, and analysis conducted pursuant to this Discharge Permit, including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the dates, locations, and times of sampling or field measurements;

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the name and job title of the individuals who performed each sample collection or field measurement; ○ the sample analysis date of each sample; ○ the name and address of the laboratory, and the name of the signatory authority for the laboratory analysis; ○ the analytical technique or method used to analyze each sample or collect each field measurement; ○ the results of each analysis or field measurement, including raw data; ○ the results of any split, spiked, duplicate, or repeat sample; and ○ a copy of the laboratory analysis chain-of-custody as well as a description of the quality assurance and quality control procedures used. <p>The Permittee shall maintain the written record at a location accessible to NMED during a Facility inspection for the lifetime of the Discharge Permit. The Permittee shall make the record available to the department upon request.</p> <p>[Subsections A and D of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]</p>
30.	<p>SUBMITTALS - The Permittee shall submit both a paper copy and an electronic copy of all notification and reporting documents required by this Discharge Permit, e.g., monitoring reports. The Permittee shall submit paper and electronic documents to the NMED Permit Contact identified on the Permit cover page.</p> <p>[Subsection A of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]</p>
31.	<p>INSPECTION and ENTRY - The Permittee shall allow NMED to inspect the Facility and its operations that are subject to this Discharge Permit and the WQCC regulations. NMED may, upon presentation of proper credentials, enter at reasonable times upon or through any premises in which a water contaminant source is located or in which any maintained records required by this Discharge Permit, the regulations of the federal government, or the WQCC are located.</p> <p>The Permittee shall allow NMED to have access to and reproduce for their use any copy of the records, and to perform assessments, sampling or monitoring during an inspection for the purpose of evaluating compliance with this Discharge Permit and the WQCC regulations.</p> <p>No person shall construe anything in this Discharge Permit as limiting in any way the inspection and entry authority of NMED under the WQA, the WQCC Regulations, or any other local, state, or federal regulations.</p>

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	[Subsection D of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, NMSA 1978, §§ 74-6-9.B and 74-6-9.E]
32.	<p>DUTY to PROVIDE INFORMATION - The Permittee shall, upon NMED's request, allow for NMED's inspection/duplication of records required by this Discharge Permit and/or furnish to NMED copies of such records.</p> <p>[Subsection D of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC]</p>
33.	<p>MODIFICATIONS and/or AMENDMENTS - In the event the Permittee proposes a change to the Facility or the Facility's discharge that would result in a change in the volume discharged; the location of the discharge; or in the amount or character of water contaminants received, treated, or discharged by the Facility, the Permittee shall notify NMED prior to implementing such changes. The Permittee shall obtain NMED's approval (which may require modification of this Discharge Permit) prior to implementing such changes.</p> <p>[Subsection C of 20.6.2.3107 NMAC, Subsections E and G of 20.6.2.3109 NMAC]</p>
34.	<p>PLANS and SPECIFICATIONS - In the event the Permittee proposes to construct a wastewater system or change a process unit of an existing system such that the quantity or quality of the discharge will change substantially from that authorized by this Discharge Permit, the Permittee shall submit construction plans and specifications of the proposed system or process unit to NMED for approval prior to the commencement of construction.</p> <p>In the event the Permittee implements changes to the wastewater system authorized by this Discharge Permit that result in only a minor effect on the character of the discharge, the Permittee shall report such changes (including the submission of record drawings where applicable) to NMED prior to implementation.</p> <p>[Subsections A and C of 20.6.2.1202 NMAC, NMSA 1978, §§ 61-23-1 through 61-23-32]</p>
35.	<p>CIVIL PENALTIES - Any violation of the requirements and conditions of this Discharge Permit, including any failure to allow NMED staff to enter and inspect records or facilities, or any refusal or failure to provide NMED with records or information, may subject the Permittee to a civil enforcement action. Pursuant to WQA 74-6-10(A) and (B), such action may include a compliance order requiring compliance immediately or in a specified time, assessing a civil penalty, modifying or terminating the Discharge Permit, or any combination of the foregoing; or an action in district court seeking injunctive relief, civil penalties, or both. Pursuant to WQA 74-6-10(C) and 74-6-10.1, civil penalties of up to \$15,000 per day of noncompliance may be assessed for each violation of the WQA 74-6-5, the WQCC Regulations, or this Discharge Permit, and civil penalties of up to \$10,000</p>

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	<p>per day of noncompliance may be assessed for each violation of any other provision of the WQA, or any regulation, standard, or order adopted pursuant to such other provision. In any action to enforce this Discharge Permit, the Permittee waives any objection to the admissibility as evidence of any data generated pursuant to this Discharge Permit.</p> <p>[20.6.2.1220 NMAC, NMSA 1978, §§ 74-6-10 and 74-6-10.1]</p>
36.	<p>CRIMINAL PENALTIES - No person shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make any false material statement, representation, certification, or omission of material fact in an application, record, report, plan, or other document filed, submitted, or maintained under the WQA; • Falsify, tamper with, or render inaccurate any monitoring device, method, or record maintained under the WQA; or • Fail to monitor, sample, or report as required by a permit issued pursuant to a state or federal law or regulation. <p>Any person who knowingly violates or knowingly causes or allows another person to violate the requirements of this condition is guilty of a fourth-degree felony and shall be sentenced in accordance with the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 31-18-15. Any person who is convicted of a second or subsequent violation of the requirements of this condition is guilty of a third-degree felony and shall be sentenced in accordance with the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 31-18-15. Any person who knowingly violates the requirements of this condition or knowingly causes another person to violate the requirements of this condition and thereby causes a substantial adverse environmental impact is guilty of a third-degree felony and shall be sentenced in accordance with the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 31-18-15. Any person who knowingly violates the requirements of this condition and knows at the time of the violation that he is creating a substantial danger of death or serious bodily injury to any other person is guilty of a second degree felony and shall be sentenced in accordance with the provisions of NMSA 1978, § 31-18-15.</p> <p>[20.6.2.1220 NMAC, NMSA 1978, §§ 74-6-10.2.A through 74-6-10.2.F]</p>
37.	<p>COMPLIANCE with OTHER LAWS - Nothing in this Discharge Permit shall be construed in any way as relieving the Permittee of the obligation to comply with any other applicable federal, state, and/or local laws, regulations, zoning requirements, nuisance ordinances, permits, or orders.</p> <p>[NMSA 1978, § 74-6-5.L]</p>
38.	<p>RIGHT to APPEAL - The Permittee may file a petition for review before the WQCC on this Discharge Permit. Such petition shall be in writing to the WQCC within thirty days of the</p>

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	<p>receipt of postal notice of this Discharge Permit and shall include a statement of the issues raised and the relief sought. Unless the Permittee files a timely petition for review, the decision of NMED shall be final and not subject to judicial review.</p> <p>[20.6.2.3112 NMAC, NMSA 1978, § 74-6-5.O]</p>
39.	<p>TRANSFER of DISCHARGE PERMIT - Prior to the transfer of any ownership, control, or possession of this Facility or any portion thereof, the Permittee shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notify the proposed transferee in writing of the existence of this Discharge Permit;• Include a copy of this Discharge Permit with the notice; and• Deliver or send by certified mail to NMED a copy of the notification and proof that the proposed transferee has received such notification. <p>The Permittee shall continue to be responsible for any discharge from the Facility, until both ownership and possession of the Facility have been transferred to the transferee.</p> <p>[20.6.2.3111 NMAC]</p>
40.	<p>PERMIT FEES - The Permittee shall be aware that the payment of permit fees is due at the time of Discharge Permit approval. The Permittee may pay the permit fees in a single payment or they may pay the fee in equal installments on a yearly basis over the term of the Discharge Permit. The Permittee shall remit single payments to NMED no later than 30 days after the Discharge Permit issuance date. The Permittee shall remit initial installment payments to NMED no later than 30 days after the Discharge Permit issuance date; with subsequent installment payments remitted to NMED no later than the anniversary of the Discharge Permit issuance date.</p> <p>Permit fees are associated with <u>issuance</u> of this Discharge Permit. No person shall construe anything in this Discharge Permit as relieving the Permittee of the obligation to pay all permit fees assessed by NMED. A Permittee that ceases discharging or does not commence discharging from the Facility during the term of the Discharge Permit shall pay all permit fees assessed by NMED. NMED shall suspend or terminate an approved Discharge Permit if the Permittee fails to remit an installment payment by its due date.</p> <p>[Subsection F of 20.6.2.3114 NMAC, NMSA 1978, § 74-6-5.K]</p>



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Discharge Permit Summary**

Facility Information

Facility Name Ramah Wastewater Treatment Facility
Discharge Permit Number DP-1235
Legally Responsible Party Cindy Blea, Secretary
 Ramah Water and Sanitation District
 P.O. Box 416
 Ramah, NM 87321
 (505) 783-4018

Treatment, Disposal and Site Information

Primary Waste Type Domestic
Facility Type MUNI-Wastewater

Treatment Methods

Type	Designation	Description & Comments
Wastewater Treatment System	Treatment System	An activated sludge package treatment plant consisting of a bar rack, anoxic basin, aeration basin, clarifier, and a chlorine contact chamber with dichlorination. Sludge/solids are aerobically digested.

Discharge Locations

Type	Designation	Description & Comments
NPDES	NPDES Permit No. 0023396	Treated wastewater discharging to Cebolla Creek via the Togey Drain.
Sludge Drying Beds		Digested sludge/solids are discharged to two concrete-lined sludge drying beds.
Sludge Storage Area		A concrete-lined sludge storage area between the two sludge drying beds.

Flow Metering Locations

Type	Designation	Description & Comments
Primary Measurement Device	Influent Meter	A 60° v-notch weir with a Greyline Instruments Inc. Open Channel Flow Monitoring Model OCR 5.0 to measure wastewater to discharging to the treatment system.

Ground Water Monitoring Locations

Type	Designation	Description & Comments
Monitoring Well	MW-1	Located hydrologically upgradient of the Facility.
Monitoring Well	MW-2	Located hydrologically downgradient of the sludge drying beds.
Monitoring Well	MW-3	Located hydrologically downgradient of the Facility and NPDES Outfall.

Depth-to-Ground Water 20 feet
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) 6,930 mg/L



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Permit Information

Original Permit Issued	February 11, 2002
Current Action	Permit Renewal
Application Received	February 23, 2021
Public Notice Published	[not yet published]
Permit Issued (Effective Date)	[effective date]
Permitted Discharge Volume	45,000 gallons per day

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