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**RE: Industrial Stormwater Inspection; SIC 2752; NPDES Compliance Evaluation
Inspection; Rio Rancho Printing; NPDES Permit NMU001814 ; October 31, 2012**

Dear Ms. Mowry:

Enclosed, please find a copy of the report for the referenced inspection that the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), Surface Water Quality Bureau (SWQB), conducted at your facility on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). This inspection report will be sent to the USEPA in Dallas, for their review. These inspections are used by USEPA to determine compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting program in accordance with the requirements of the federal Clean Water Act.

Problems noted during this inspection are discussed in the Further Explanation section of the inspection report. You are encouraged to review the inspection report and required to correct any problems noted during the inspection and modify your operational and/or administrative procedures, as appropriate. Further you are encouraged to notify, in writing, both USEPA (Diana McDonald, USEPA [6EN-WM], 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas Texas 75202) and NMED (at the address above) regarding modifications and compliance issues.

The NPDES Stormwater Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP) for industrial activities was re-issued on September 29, 2008. The MSGP, fact sheet and other information in the industrial stormwater program can be accessed at <http://cfpub2.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/msgp.cfm>.

If you have any questions about this inspection report, please do not hesitate to contact me at (505) 827-1041.

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Sincerely,

/s/ Sandra Gabaldón

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Rio Rancho Printing
NPDES Compliance Evaluation Inspection
NPDES Permit NMU001814
Inspection Date: October 31, 2012

Introduction:

On October 31, 2012, a Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI) was conducted at Rio Rancho Printing, 408 Frontage Road, Rio Rancho, New Mexico in Bernalillo County by Sandra Gabaldón, of the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), Surface Water Quality Bureau (SWQB). The purpose of this inspection is to document the facility's status regarding the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit requirements for stormwater discharges associated with industrial activities under 40 CFR 122.26 and the industrial stormwater Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP). Rio Rancho Printing is classified as commercial printing and lithographic printing (see Standard Industrial Classification [SIC] code 2752) that meets the description in Sector X of the MSGP.

Upon arrival at 0950 hours on October 31, 2012, the inspector met with Audra Dodson, Manager. The inspector, Ms. Gabaldón, presented her credentials, and explained the purpose of the inspection. The inspector informed Ms. Dodson of the requirements of the Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP).

This report is based on review of EPA's on-line notice of intent (NOI) database and on-site observation by NMED personnel along with verbal information provided by Ms. Dodson.

Clean Water Act (CWA) and Industrial Stormwater Permit Requirements:

Section 301(a) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act states that *"Except as in compliance with this section and sections 302, 306, 307, 318, 402 and 404 of this ACT, the discharge of any pollutant by any person shall be unlawful."* Federal regulations in 40 CFR part 122.21(a) Duty to Apply, states: *"Any person who discharges or proposes to discharge pollutants...must submit a complete application to the Director in accordance with this section and part 124 of this chapter."*

USEPA's MSGP was re-issued on September 29, 2008, (Federal Register/Vol. 73, No. 189/Monday, September 29, 2008 pg. 56572). This replaced the 2000 MSGP which expired on October 30, 2005. Common requirements for coverage under an industrial stormwater permit include development of a written stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP), implementation of control measures, and submittal of a request for permit coverage, usually referred to as the Notice of Intent (NOI). The SWPPP is a written assessment of potential sources of pollutants in stormwater runoff and control measures that will be implanted at your facility to minimize the discharge of these pollutants in runoff from the site.

The MSGP also requires monitoring to include visual and analytical data to determine the effectiveness of BMPs on site. For further information regarding the NPDES MSGP please visit EPA's website: www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater and click on "industrial activity." Once you navigate to the MSGP on the website, you will also find various Fact Sheets for industrial activities. Concrete block manufacturing falls under Sector X. The Fact Sheet will provide further information regarding pollutants and requirements of the MSGP.

There are a number of factors that influence to what extent publishing/printing activities can affect water quality. Some of these factors include: geographic location, topography, hydrogeology, extent of impervious surfaces, type of ground cover, outdoor activities, the size of your facility, and the type and duration of precipitation events.

Some common pollutants associated with the publishing/printing industry include: Solvents, heavy metals (dust and sludge), and ink.

Findings:

Your facility does not have permit coverage for the industrial activities associated with the publishing and printing industry. You are encouraged to review the permit, complete your SWPPP and apply for coverage under the eNOI system.

However, your facility may qualify for a “no exposure” certification.

To obtain the conditional no exposure exclusion, you must submit a certification form attesting your facility meets the definition of “no exposure”. EPA’s certification form uses a series of yes/no questions on the nature of the industrial activities and conditions at your facility. You may only qualify for the no exposure exclusion if you answer “no” to all of the questions.

The purpose of the certification form is twofold: (1) to aid you in determining whether you have a condition of no exposure at your facility or site; (2) to furnish the necessary written certification that allows you to be relieved of permit obligations, provided you answer all of the questions in the negative.

If you answer “yes” to any of the questions about possible exposure, you must make the appropriate changes at the facility before you apply for the conditional exclusion. These changes must remove the particular material, process or activity from exposure to stormwater.

If you answer “no” to every question, you qualify for the no exposure exclusion. To complete the process, you must sign and submit the form to EPA.

This certification must be completed and submitted to EPA once every five years and can only be done so if the condition of no exposure continues to exist at your facility.