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U.S. EPA, Region 6  
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RE: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit No. NMS000101 – Storm Water Management Program (SWMP)

To Whom It May Concern:

This submittal by the University of New Mexico (UNM) includes an updated SWMP as required by Page 6, Part I, Subpart C, Item 1 of the NPDES MS4 Permit No. NMS000101.

If you need additional information or have questions, please contact Carla Domenici, Interim Director, Safety & Risk Services at (505) 277-9794 (e-mail [cprando@salud.unm.edu](mailto:cprando@salud.unm.edu)).

**CERTIFICATION STATEMENT**

As required by Parts III.I and IV.H of the NPDES MS4 Permit No. NMS000101, the undersigned representative of UNM is certifying the preparation of an updated Storm Water Management Program (SWMP), in accordance with specifications listed within the permit.

“I, David W. Harris, certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violation.”

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David W. Harris, VP for Administration, CFO & COO, UNM

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**University of New Mexico  
Storm Water Management Program (SWMP)  
FOR NPDES Permit # NMS000101  
Effective March 1, 2012**

## **Introduction**

The University of New Mexico (UNM) and its three storm water partners were issued their first NPDES Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit on December 1, 2003. The other partners are the City of Albuquerque (CABQ), the Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA) and the New Mexico Department of Transportation (DOT). That permit expired in November 2008 and was extended administratively by the EPA until EPA issued a renewal permit on January 31, 2012 which became effective March 1, 2012. Each of the four MS4 partners is preparing an individual Storm Water Management Program (SWMP). This document is the plan for UNM. This SWMP has been prepared in accordance with the permit Part I; C.

## **Expiration Date**

The current MS4 permit is scheduled to expire the earlier of ninety days following the effective date of a watershed-based permit for the regulated Middle Rio Grande MS4s in the Albuquerque area or at midnight on February 28, 2017. This SWMP will continue for the duration of the Phase I MS4 permit.

## **General Requirements**

This SWMP is in compliance with Permit NMS000101 and with Section 402(p)(3)(B) of the Clean Water Act and the Storm Water regulations (40 CFR 122.26 and 122.34).

## **Legal Authority**

UNM has the legal authority to set and enforce policy regarding discharges to its storm drainage system.

## **Shared Responsibility**

The Albuquerque MS4 partners are preparing a Memorandum of Understanding that will define the various responsibilities that each partner has to the other. Generally, the responsibility for implementation of storm water controls is based on property ownership. For example, UNM is responsible for storm water controls on its campus, but not outside of its campus. AMAFCA and CABQ share a common responsibility for the operation of the flood control and storm water quality system as the areas of responsibility that have large areas of overlap. The Albuquerque MS4 is mapped with AMAFCA and CABQ having primary responsibility of different channels and arroyos.

UNM does not discharge directly into the Rio Grande River. Rather storm water runoff from the Albuquerque UNM Campuses discharges into CABQ and AMAFCA storm drain systems. Additionally, UNM has recently began to develop land west of University Blvd. NE, north of Lomas Blvd. NE, west of Interstate 40 and south of Indian School Road NE (a.k.a. "Lands West"). The outfall for Lands West is the Odelia Pond, a storm water detention facility owned, operated and maintained by CABQ.

## **Measurable Goals**

This SWMP includes measurable goals as stated in Part I.C.5 “Control Measures” including interim milestones indicating the months and years when certain actions will take place.

Material changes to the SWMP, including changes to any BMP activities or identified measurable goal will be mentioned in annual reports to the EPA. Pending changes to UNM’s SWMP that impact other Phase 1 MS4 co-permittees will be discussed and negotiated with the EPA and with the co-permittees while UNM remains a Phase 1 MS4 co-permittee. The SWMP will be evaluated annually by UNM’s Safety & Risk Services (SRS) Department. The annual review will evaluate implementation status of SWMP components and the effectiveness when more effective approaches are discovered. Should this review indicate the need for revision, any significant revisions will be provided to the EPA for comment and will be identified in the Annual Report. Specifically, for the University, these changes may also include changes in roles and responsibilities of co-applicants, including interagency agreements developed for MS4 permitting purposes.