



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Ms. Rachel Conn
Projects Director
Amigos Bravos
P.O. Box 238
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Re: Petition by Amigos Bravos for a Determination that Storm Water Discharges in Los Alamos County Contribute to Water Quality Standards Violations and Require a Clean Water Act Permit

Dear Ms. Conn:

I wanted to update you on the status of the petition filed by Amigos Bravos on June 30, 2014, seeking a determination by the Environmental Protection Agency Region 6 that storm water discharges in Los Alamos County require permits under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) ("the Petition"). My staff has been reviewing the information submitted in the Petition in anticipation of issuing a response by December 31, 2014. However, due to the complex nature of this issue and the volume of information to be considered (Los Alamos County and Los Alamos National Laboratory submitted additional information and data on November 4, 2014 and November 24, 2014, respectively), we are unable to meet that deadline. We now anticipate completing our analysis and making a decision by the end of February 2015.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me, or have your staff contact Nasim Jahan at 214-665-7522 (Jahan.nasim@epa.gov).

Sincerely yours,

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Director
Water Quality Protection Division

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