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## Regulation of Stormwater at UNM

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) oversees the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System program, which regulates discharges (including stormwater discharges) to the nation's water bodies.

The State of New Mexico sets water quality standards for the state, and oversees the Stormwater NPDES program for the State of New Mexico. The EPA retains enforcement authority for NPDES permit compliance.

UNM and other local regulated entities, such as the City of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, AMAFCA implement programs to meet the permit requirements of the NPDES permit. UNM is part of a Watershed based NPDES permit. This permit names 18 potential permittees within the Middle Rio Grande in Sandoval and Bernalillo Counties.

Regulated entities (like UNM and its associated communities) must:

- obtain coverage under an NPDES storm water permit.
- develop storm water management plans (SWMPs)
- implement best management practices (BMPs)
- implement the SWMP

Annual reporting to EPA on storm water management program activities is required under the current NPDES Watershed Based discharge permit. A draft report covering the activities conducted during each permit year, from July 1st, to June 30, is made available to the public for review at SRS or from the SRS website. Public input on the report is considered in preparation of the final report submitted to EPA on December 1st annually.