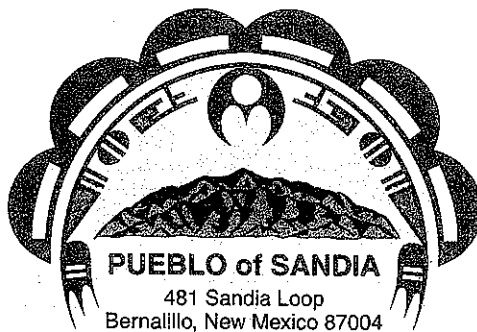


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Miguel Flores, Director
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RE: Certification of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Vessel General Permit (VGP) for Discharges Incidental to the normal Operation of Commercial and Large Recreational Vessels and Recreational Vessel General Permit (RGP) for Discharges Incidental to the Normal Operation of a Vessel.

Dear Mr. Flores:

This correspondence is in response to EPA's issuance of the draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) on the above certification. The Pueblo of Sandia has implemented EPA approved water quality standards for all surface waters within, and around, the exterior boundaries of our Pueblo since 1993. These standards set forth numeric and narrative criteria which are protective of both the existing and designated uses of waters of the United States located on the Pueblo.

The Pueblo has reviewed the above referenced permits and certifies that they will comply with all applicable provisions of Sections 208(e), 301 (including 301(h) variances), 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Clean Water Act. This certification will provide reasonable assurance that the above permitted activities will be conducted in a manner which will not cause impairment of the *Pueblo of Sandia Water Quality Standards*. We look forward to EPA's continued cooperation on environmental issues.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Alex Puglisi, environment director, or Scott Bulgrin, water quality manager of my staff at (505) 867-4533.

Sincerely,

Stuart Paisano
Governor

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