



REGION 6

DALLAS, TX 75270

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TRANSMITTED VIA EMAIL

Michael Dozier
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Re: Administrative Order Docket Number: CWA-06-2024-1765
Santa Fe Wastewater Treatment Facility, NPDES Permit: NM0022292

Dear Mr. Dozier:

On April 24, 2025, our office received a request from you regarding Administrative Order (AO), Docket No. CWA-06-2024-1765, issued to the City of Santa Fe, New Mexico. The request is for an extension of required Activities Nos. 3, 5, 8, and 9 in the schedule of compliance incorporated into the AO.

The request is due to delays in the repair schedule related to weather conditions, unforeseen repairs when the basin was drained and taken out of service, and equipment and parts availability for activities #3 and 5. Activities No. 8 and 9 would allow more time to complete all written procedures and training needs since multiple modules and various protocols have been developed for both the operations and the laboratory staff.

The extension request has been approved and the due dates have been extended based on the following changes to the schedule of compliance.

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Original Due Date</u>	<u>Extended Due Date</u>
3	Collect influent and effluent samples for analysis, to be conducted by an outside laboratory, to determine if the cyanide exceedances are real or an artifact of false positives.	September 30, 2024	June 30, 2025
5	Repair failed process air piping and diffuser grids to increase the secondary treatment aerobic volume.	September 30, 2024	June 30, 2025
8	Build a comprehensive base of knowledge management tools and decision trees to guide plant staff with use of the developed Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).	September 30, 2024	October 31, 2025

9	Train laboratory staff to improve laboratory sampling and handling practices, data management, workflow, and develop communications protocol for all testing performed to support treatment operations and regulatory compliance.	September 30, 2024	October 31, 2025
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The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is committed to ensuring the implementation of, and compliance with, the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. §§ 1251-1387, and NPDES permits issued under the CWA, which helps to meet its mission of protecting human health and the environment. This office helps meet the mission through compliance assistance and/or enforcement proceedings where necessary.

Granting this extension to the AO is by the discretion of this office. Issuance of an extension shall not be deemed an election by EPA to waive any administrative, judicial, civil, or criminal action to seek penalties, fines, or other relief under the Act for the violations cited herein, or other violations that become known to EPA. EPA reserves the right to seek any remedy available under the law that it deems appropriate.

Sincerely,

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