

PUBLIC NOTICE

Plains Pipeline, L.P., Camille Bryant, Remediation Coordinator, 2530 State Highway 214, Denver City, Texas 79323, has submitted a renewal application for the previously approved discharge plan (GW-294) for the Plains Pipeline Townsend Site, located in Unit Letter P of Section 11, Township 16 South, Range 35 East, NMPM, Lea County, New Mexico, approximately two miles southwest of Lovington, New Mexico. Up to 5 barrels of crude oil and 86,000 barrels of hydrocarbon-impacted groundwater are generated on site annually. Liquids enter a “pump and treat system” where crude oil is separated, collected and temporarily stored in containment vessels prior to transport and disposal at an NMOCD-approved facility. Effluent groundwater is treated on site and re-injected to the groundwater table. Effluent groundwater is sampled monthly to ensure compliance with New Mexico Oil Conservation Division and New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission standards. Groundwater most likely to be affected by a spill, leak or accidental discharge is at a depth of approximately 50 feet below ground surface, with a total dissolved solids concentration of approximately 500 to 1,000 mg/L. The discharge plan addresses how impacted groundwater and recovered crude oil will be properly handled, stored, and disposed of, including how spills, leaks, and other accidental discharges to the surface will be managed in order to protect fresh water. Any interested person may obtain information; submit comments or request to be placed on a facility specific mailing list for future notices by contacting Mr. Leonard Lowe at the New Mexico OCD at 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505, Telephone (505) 476-3492. The OCD will accept comments and statements of interest regarding the renewal and will create a facility-specific mailing list for persons who wish to receive future notices.

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