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## **Environment Department Seeks Public Input on Jemez Water Quality Planning; Meeting January 18<sup>th</sup> in Jemez Springs**

(Santa Fe, NM) — The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Surface Water Quality Bureau (SWQB) is seeking public input and involvement in surface water quality planning for the Jemez watershed. The Jemez watershed stretches from the river's headwater in the Jemez Mountains to the Jemez Pueblo boundary.

The Department will hold a public meeting to inform stakeholders of watershed activities and programs, and to provide a forum for interested parties to ask questions, and supply comments and suggestions on watershed needs and priorities. The public meeting for the Jemez watershed will be **6:00 PM Tuesday, January 18th, at the Jemez Springs Village Offices, Highway 4 at 046, in Jemez Springs.**

Representatives from the Environment Department SWQB will discuss the monitoring plan for the Jemez watershed, pollution control measures, field demonstrations, and future Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) development.

A TMDL is a planning document that establishes specific goals for water quality conditions. It includes reduction estimates for pollutants currently exceeding state surface water quality standards and an implementation plan suggesting what actions might be carried out to restore or protect the health of the body of water.

Additional information can be found on the Environment Department's website at <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqb>.

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