

NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT BOARD
NOTICE of PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED REVISION OF
20 NMAC 7.1 *Drinking Water*

The New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board will hold a public hearing on June 14, 2002, to consider a request to repeal 20 NMAC 7.1 *Drinking Water* and replace it with 20.7.10 NMAC *Drinking Water*. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Bureau of Land Management Conference Room, 2909 West 2nd Street, Roswell, New Mexico. The proponent of this regulatory change is the New Mexico Environment Department.

Revisions to the Drinking Water regulations are proposed for the primary purpose of retaining state primacy for the Drinking Water Program. To this end, the proposed regulations at 20.7.10 NMAC incorporate by reference, with small modifications and exceptions, all of the federal regulations found in 40 CFR Parts 141, the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations, and 40 CFR Part 143, the National Secondary Drinking Water Regulations, promulgated through June 2002. The incorporated federal regulations will replace a large portion of the existing state regulations that, for the most part, are identical in form and substance to the federal regulations.

The proposed regulations may be reviewed during regular business hours at the office of the Environmental Improvement Board, Harold Runnels Building, 1190 St. Francis Drive, Room N-2150, Santa Fe, NM. Copies of the proposed regulations may be obtained by contacting John Gillentine at (505) 827-1400, or by visiting the Department's web site at www.nmenv.state.nm.us and following the links to "Regulations and Permitting/New or Proposed Regulations". Questions or comments about the Department's proposed regulations may be addressed to: L. William Bartels, Bureau Chief, Drinking Water Bureau, 525 Camino de Los Marquez, Suite 4, Santa Fe, NM 87501.

The hearing will be conducted according to 20.1.1 NMAC *Rulemaking Procedures – Environmental Improvement Board*; the Environmental Improvement Act, Section 74-1-9 NMSA 1978; and other applicable procedures. All interested persons will be given a reasonable opportunity during the hearing to submit relevant evidence, data, views, and arguments, orally or in writing, and to introduce exhibits and examine witnesses.

Any person wishing to present technical testimony at the hearing must file a written notice with the Board that:

- identifies the person or persons for whom the witness (es) will testify;
- identifies each technical witness the person intends to present, states the qualifications of that witness and describes their educational and professional background;
- summarizes or attaches a copy of the direct testimony of each technical witness, and states the anticipated duration of testimony;
- includes the text of any recommended modifications to the proposed regulatory change; and
- lists, describes or attaches a copy of all exhibits anticipated to be offered by that person during their testimony.

Notices of intent to present technical testimony at the hearing must be received in the Office of the Environmental Improvement Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 31, 2002, and should reference the name of the regulation and the date of the hearing. Submit notices of intent to: Administrative Secretary, NMED Boards and Commissions, 1190 St. Francis Drive, Room N-2150, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502.

Any person wishing to submit a non-technical written statement in lieu of oral testimony may do so at or before the hearing.

If you have a disability and require assistance or an auxiliary aid to participate in any aspect of this process, please contact Cliff Hawley, Bureau Chief of the NMED Program Support Bureau, at (505) 827-2844, by May 31, 2002. The Program Support Bureau is located at 1190 St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87502. TDD users may access the Program Support Bureau via the New Mexico Relay Network: in Albuquerque call (505) 275-7333; outside of Albuquerque call 1-800-659-1779.

The Board may make a decision on the proposed regulatory change at the conclusion of the hearing or may convene a meeting after the hearing to consider action on the proposal.