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New Mexico Air Quality Bureau Hosting an Open House on Proposed Amendments to 20.2.1 NMAC, General Provisions, to Address Requirements of CROMERR

The New Mexico Environment Department Air Quality Bureau is proposing to amend 20.2.1 NMAC to include language authorizing and requiring the electronic submittal of data, reports and permit applications in lieu of paper submittals. The draft amendments to 20.2.1 NMAC are proposed as a revision to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality and the Title V Permitting Program.

The AQB will host an open house to receive public comment and answer questions regarding the proposed amendments. A presentation will be given at 10:00 am followed by an informal open house until 12:00 pm on September 30, 2014 at:

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For those unable to attend in person, the presentation will be available online via WebEx. If you would like to attend the open house and cannot make this date, please let us know so that we can either schedule an additional open house or meet with you separately to discuss this proposal.

The purpose of the proposed amendments to 20.2.1 NMAC, *General Provisions*, is to comply with the federal Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Rule (CROMERR), which provides the legal framework for electronic reporting. In order for the Air Quality Bureau's CROMERR application to be approvable by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the State Attorney General must certify that the Bureau has the legal authority to enforce its authorized programs using electronically submitted documents.

The Air Quality Bureau already has the statutory and regulatory authority to accept electronic submittals for "excess emissions" and "emissions inventory" ("EI") reports and the Bureau intends to also accept all compliance reports and Title V permit applications electronically. To ensure that the Attorney General is able to certify that the Bureau has sufficient authority, the Bureau is proposing to amend 20.2.1 NMAC to require that data/reports/permit applications be submitted electronically for any rule under Chapter 2, Air Quality (Statewide), of Title 20, Environmental Protection, for which the Bureau is accepting electronic reports.

The full text of NMED's proposed revised regulation is available on NMED's web site at www.nmenv.state.nm.us or by contacting Neal Butt at 505-476-4317 or neal.butt@state.nm.us. The proposed revised regulation may also be examined during office hours at the Air Quality Bureau office, 525 Camino de los Marquez, Suite 1, Santa Fe, New Mexico.