



Possible Amendments to EIB Liquid Waste Regulations

New Mexico Environment Department
Environmental Health Division
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EIB Has Scheduled Two Hearings

- **November 2, 2009**
 - Certification regulation 20.7.3.904 and some cleanup of other sections
- **March 1-2, 2010**
 - LW regulations 20.7.3
 - LW fee regulations 20.7.11

November 2, 2009 Hearing

- Hearing will consider petitions filed by both NMED and POWRA/Summers.
- Most changes pertain to Certification Program rule 20.7.3.904 NMAC.

March 1-2, 2010 Hearing

- POWRA/Summers have filed petitions to amend LW regs 20.7.3 and LW Fee regs 20.7.11 NMAC.
- NMED intends to file it's own petitions for both sets of regulations.

What changes to the Liquid Waste Regulations would YOU like to see?

Significant Changes

- Codify Single Lot Issue
- Clarify “alternative disposal”
- Define “installer”, “irrigation”, “provisional systems”, “qualified homeowner”, “synthetic aggregate”, “water(s) of the state”
- Clarify requirements for hookup to public sewer
- Clarify pretreatment of RV waste

Significant Changes, Contd.

- Control discharges of waste from reverse osmosis systems
- Prohibit animal waste and mixing with other water sources (eg. rainwater)
- Require copies of sampling contracts, if applicable
- Determination of administrative completeness
- Provisional system permitting

Significant Changes, Contd.

- Clarify septic tank certification
- Consistency with Uniform Plumbing Code
- Clarify access risers
- Clarify disposal system design; prohibit paving or covering
- Limit seepage pit width to 10 feet, require bentonite liner
- Define vaults

Significant Changes, Contd.

- Require grain size analysis for mounds and ET systems
- Codify TAC recommended guidelines for low pressure disposal systems
- Allow holding tanks for RV dump stations
- Clarify property transfer inspections (good for 180 days), require registration if unpermitted

Significant Changes, Contd.

- Clarify maintenance service provider requirements

Questions?

- What changes would YOU like to see?

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