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Re: Cleanup amendments to Pool Regulations, 7.18.2-5 NMAC

Dear Sir or Madam:

The New Mexico Environment Department ("NMED") is soliciting suggestions for amendments to improve the Swimming Pool Regulations, 7.18.2-5 NMAC, which went into effect March 30, 2005. The rules have now been in effect for almost two years and the NMED believes that stakeholder comments will help improve the regulatory language. Therefore, the NMED is soliciting proposed language for consideration in the regulatory cleanup process.

When proposing amendments include the name and contact information of the proponent, applicable NMAC citation of the rule for which an amendment is being proposed, the specific language of the amendment, and an explanation/justification for the proposed amendment.

The NMED requests that any proposed amendments be submitted by March 2, 2007 by mail or hand-delivery to Mr. Bill Chavez, Staff Manager, District 1, 5500 San Antonio Dr. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109 or by email to william.chavez@state.nm.us. A compilation of the proposed amendments will be published on the pool web site by March 20, 2007. The department will hold a public meeting to discuss the proposed amendments on May 3, 2007 at 9:00 am at the NMED District 1 Office at 5500 San Antonio Dr. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109. Further information, including NMED's proposed amendments, will be posted at http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/fod/swim_pools/index.html on the pool website, and this information will be updated throughout the review process.

As a reminder and pursuant to the regulations, by March 31, 2007, all public pools must comply with requirements, such as six-foot barriers, self-closing vacuum outlets, and oxidation-reduction potential (ORP) automatic disinfection and pH controllers on public spas and wading pools.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact me at (505) 476-8611.

Sincerely,

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Pool Program Manager