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Attn: Water Reuse Regulation  
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November 29, 2023

RE: Water Reuse Regulation

NMED-GWQB:

The Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency (NNEPA) Surface and Ground Water Protection Department has reviewed the New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED) *Draft Ground and Surface Water Protection – Supplemental Requirements for Water Reuse* (20.6.8 NMAC).

The NNEPA endorses the drafting of these regulations by NMED to allow demonstration projects to determine the scientific viability of treating produced water for possible reuses while concurrently not allowing discharges into surface or ground waters until such time as scientifically defensible water quality criteria are developed and adopted.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to these draft regulations. If you have any questions please contact our office at 928-871-7690.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yolanda Barney".

Yolanda Barney  
Department Director  
Surface and Groundwater Protection Department  
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cc: Patrick Antonio, Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency