

**WATER QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION PUBLIC NOTICE:
NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED SITE SPECIFIC
COPPER CRITERIA FOR STREAM SEGMENTS ON THE PAJARITO PLATEAU**

The Water Quality Control Commission (“WQCC”) has cancelled the public hearing scheduled for this matter for October 8, 2024. The WQCC has rescheduled the public hearing for this matter to begin on **January 14, 2025**, immediately following the WQCC’s regularly scheduled meeting, which starts at 9:00 am and continuing thereafter as necessary. The hearing shall be conducted in-person in Room 321 at the New Mexico State Capitol, 411 S. Capitol Street, in Santa Fe, New Mexico and remotely via the WebEx video conferencing platform. The hearing will last as long as required to hear all testimony, evidence, and public comment. Detailed information concerning the time and location and the WebEx link can be found on the New Mexico Environment Department’s (“NMED’s”) Event Calendar at <https://www.env.nm.gov/events-calendar/>. Please visit the WQCC website prior to the hearing for any updates at <https://www.env.nm.gov/opf/water-quality-control-commission/>. The WQCC may make a decision on the proposed regulatory change at the conclusion of the hearing.

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider Triad National Security, LLC’s, Newport News Nuclear BWXT-Los Alamos, LLC’s, and the United States Department Of Energy, Office Of Environmental Management, Los Alamos Field Office’s Petition For Rulemaking To Amend 20.6.4.900.I & J NMAC to add site-specific water quality criteria for copper for stream segments on the Pajarito Plateau, in accordance with 20.6.4.10.F NMAC. The proposed amendments may be reviewed online at <https://www.env.nm.gov/opf/water-quality-control-commission/>. Technical information that served as a basis for the proposed rule was filed in docket number WQCC 24-31 (R) as exhibits to the Petition and may be viewed online at <https://www.env.nm.gov/opf/docketed-matters/> and may also be obtained from the Petitioners upon request to N3Boutreach@em-la.doe.gov. Persons who wish to review a physical copy of the proposed amendments should contact the WQCC Administrator at the address provided below.

All interested persons will be given reasonable opportunity at the hearing to submit relevant evidence, data, views, and arguments, orally or in writing; to introduce exhibits; and to examine witnesses.

The WQCC appointed Hearing Officer has issued a revised filing schedule to reflect the new hearing date. Pursuant to 20.1.6.202 NMAC and the Second Pre-Hearing Order issued by the Hearing Officer on September 11, 2024, those wishing to present direct technical testimony must file a written notice of intent to present technical testimony with the WQCC Administrator **on or before 5:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time on December 20, 2024**. Those wishing to present rebuttal technical testimony must file a written notice of intent to present rebuttal technical testimony with the WQCC Administrator **on or before 5:00 p.m. Mountain Standard Time on January 3, 2025**.

Notices of intent to present technical testimony shall conform to 20.1.6.104 NMAC and reference the docket number, **WQCC 24-31(R)**.

The form and content of the notice of intent to present technical testimony shall:

- Identify the person for whom the witness(es) will testify;
- Identify each technical witness the person intends to present and state the qualifications of that witness, including a description of their education and work background;
- Include a copy of the full written direct or rebuttal testimony of each technical witness in narrative form;
- Include the text of any recommended modifications to the proposed regulatory change; and
- List and attach all exhibits anticipated to be offered by that person at the hearing, including any proposed statement of reasons for adoption of rules.

Notices of intent to present direct and rebuttal technical testimony shall be filed with:

Pamela Jones, WQCC Administrator
New Mexico Environment Department
Harold Runnels Building
P.O. Box 5469
Santa Fe, NM 87502
Telephone: (505) 660-4305

Email: pamela.jones@env.nm.gov

Those wishing to do so may offer non-technical public comment at the hearing in person or remotely via the WebEx platform. The Hearing Officer will hold a **public comment session at 1pm and 5pm on January 14, 2025**. Non-technical written statements may be submitted in lieu of oral testimony at or before the hearing. Written comments regarding the proposed rule may be addressed to Pamela Jones, WQCC Administrator, at the above address, or by entering your comments in the public comment portal at: <https://nmed.commentinput.com?id=MerTf7Zj4> or via email to: pamela.jones@env.nm.gov and should reference docket number **WQCC 24-31(R)**. Pursuant to 20.1.6.203 NMAC, any person may file an entry of appearance as a party. The entry of appearance shall be filed with the WQCC Administrator, at the above address, no later than **December 20, 2024**.

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the WQCC Rulemaking Procedures (20.1.6 NMAC); the Water Quality Act, Sections 74-6-1 to -17 NMSA 1978 (1967 as amended through 2019); the State Rules Act, Section 14-4-5.3 NMSA 1978, other applicable procedures and any Procedural Order or Scheduling Order issued by the WQCC or Hearing Officer. These documents are available online at <https://www.env.nm.gov/opf/docketed-matters/> or by contacting the WQCC Administrator at pamela.jones@env.nm.gov.

If any person requires assistance, an interpreter or auxiliary aid to participate in this process, please contact Pamela Jones, WQCC Administrator, at the above address, at least 14 days prior to the hearing date. (TDD or TTY users please access the number via the New Mexico Relay Network, 1-800-659-1779 (voice); TTY users: 1-800-659-8331).

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