

Water Quality Control Commission  
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**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
WATER QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**PETITION TO AMEND 20.6.4.97 NMAC  
TO MODIFY DESIGNATED USE OF THE  
RIO GRANDE TO FOUR HILLS BRIDGE  
REACH OF THE TIJERAS ARROYO,**

**No. WQCC 25-28 (R)**

**National Technology & Engineering  
Solutions of Sandia, LLC,**

**Petitioner.**

**NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT'S  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO PRESENT DIRECT TECHNICAL TESTIMONY**

Pursuant to 20.1.6.202 NMAC and the *Pre-Hearing Order* issued by the Hearing Officer on October 22, 2025, the New Mexico Environment Department ("Department" or "NMED") submits this Notice of Intent to Present Direct Technical Testimony for the hearing in this matter currently scheduled to begin on December 9, 2025.

**1. Entity for whom the witnesses will testify**

The witnesses will testify for the Surface Water Quality Bureau of the Water Protection Division of the Department.

**2. Identity of witnesses**

The Department will call the following witnesses to present technical testimony at the hearing:

Stephani Clark Barkalow is a Water Quality Standards Scientist for the Surface Water Quality Bureau. Her resume is attached as **NMED Exhibit 2**. Ms. Clark Barkalow's direct written testimony is attached as **NMED Exhibit 1**.

Michael Baca is the Water Quality Standards Coordinator for the Surface Water Quality Bureau. His resume is attached as **NMED Exhibit 3**. Otherwise, NMED does not intend for Mr. Baca to present direct testimony, but may present him as a rebuttal witness, and will make him available to assist in answering questions that may go beyond the expertise of the direct witness, Ms. Clark Barkalow.

Lynette Guevara is the Program Manager for the Monitoring, Assessment, and Standards Section of the Surface Water Quality Bureau. Her resume is attached as **NMED Exhibit 4**. NMED does not intend for Ms. Guevara to present direct testimony, but may present her as a rebuttal witness, and will make her available to assist in answering questions that may go beyond the expertise of the direct witness, Ms. Clark Barkalow.

Shelly Lemon is the Surface Water Quality Bureau Chief. Her resume is attached as **NMED Exhibit 5**. NMED does not intend for Ms. Lemon to present direct testimony, but may present her as a rebuttal witness, and will make her available to assist in answering questions that may go beyond the expertise of the direct witness, Ms. Clark Barkalow.

The Department reserves the right to call any additional witnesses to provide direct or rebuttal testimony in response to any other notice of intent filed, to public comment provided, or otherwise, in this matter.

### **3. Location(s) at which witnesses will be present**

The witnesses will be present in person in Santa Fe.

### **4. Estimated duration of direct oral testimony of witnesses**

Pursuant to the *Pre-Hearing Order*, the estimated duration of Ms. Clark Barkalow's direct oral testimony is 30 minutes.

**5. List of exhibits to be offered by the Department at the hearing**

A list of exhibits that the Department intends to offer into evidence in this matter is attached to this Notice of Intent. The Department reserves the right to introduce and move for the admission of any other exhibit in support of rebuttal testimony at the hearing in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

**NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT**

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## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing *New Mexico Environment Department's Notice of Intent to Present Direct Technical Testimony* was filed with the Water Quality Control Commission Administrator and served via electronic mail on the following parties in this matter on November 19, 2025.

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