

**New Mexico's Water Quality Management Plan and Continuing Planning Process**  
 Summary of Changes  
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Sections as Listed in approved 2011 WQMP/CPP	Sections Proposed in Revised 2019 WQMP/CPP	Changes of Notable Remark
Overall Document		Citations have been updated to be consistent throughout the document Formatting to include all subsections and headers appropriately References have been updated, as applicable
List of Acronyms and Abbreviations	List of Acronyms and Abbreviations	Acronyms used in the document have been updated, as applicable
Documents Incorporated by Reference	XV. References	Documents Incorporated by Reference have now been added to a new reference section at the end of the document (Section XV. REFERENCES), these include those incorporated by reference as well as other references cited in the document
Preface	Removed	The historical information discussed in the Preface has been removed and relocated to the Introduction under a new sub-heading (I.C History and Updates to the WQMP/CPP)
I. Introduction	I. Introduction	Overall structure of Introduction has been arranged for clarity and consistency purposes
A. Purpose	A. Purpose	Crosswalk with 40 CFR 130 now has its own subsection (I.B.) and language directly from 40 CFR 30.5 and 130.6
	B. Cross-walk of Sections in the WQMP/CPP and the Federal Requirements	Additional language to clarify requirements under 40 CFR 130.5 and 40 CFR 130.6
	C. History and Updates to the WQMP/CPP	This has been expanded to include additional information on the history of the WQMP/CPP not identified in previous versions
B. Institutional Roles and Responsibilities	F. Other Entities Participating in Water Quality Management	This section, for clarity and readability has been moved below Process for Assuring Intergovernmental Cooperation. This section now only includes those that are outside of the Intergovernmental Cooperation section and includes other State Agencies, Other Watershed Based Water Quality Authorities, EPA, Other Federal Agencies, Tribes, Stakeholders and the Public.
C. Process for Assuring Intergovernmental Cooperation	E. Process for Assuring Intergovernmental Cooperation	This section, for clarity and readability has been moved below the Process for Updating Section. It has also included a restructuring to clearly identify the four factors
D. Process for Updating and Maintaining the WQMP/CPP	D. The Process for updating and Maintaining the WQMP/CPP including schedules for revision	No substantial changes
II. Surface Water Quality Standards		Entire Section has been restructured for clarity, completeness and implementation purposes
A. Introduction	A. Extent of Authority	This section was separated into three subsections to provide clarity in reading
	B. Objective	
	C. Components of NM Surface Water Quality Standards	The Introduction in the 2011 version had the objective, some description of authority and the components of the WQS in one long section. The revised draft has parsed these out and elaborated to add clarity. Includes a descriptor of Designated Uses, Water Quality Criteria and Antidegradation as elements of WQS
B. Process for Establishing and Assuring Implementation of WQS	E. Process for Assuring Adequate Implementation of WQS	For applicability of the WQMP/CPP, this section has now been moved to the end after the process for establishing WQS is discussed.
Water Body Segments not Water Quality Limited Water Quality Limited Segments		These subsections have been summarized in a single paragraph that describes how WQS are implemented and does not try to reiterate other sections of the WQMP/CPP as this can cause confusion in implementing the WQS. See above.
	D. Process for Establishing and Updating Water Quality Standards	Language in this section has been more clearly described in several subsections. These include revising through the Triennial Review, establishing or revising a designated use through a UAA with another section discussing those UAAs developed using the hydrology protocol, establishing site-specific standards
C. Use of Hydrology Protocol		As required in one of the elements in WQMP/CPP, this has been specifically included as a subsection now.
III. Surface Water Quality Monitoring, Assessment and Reporting		
A. Monitoring	A. Monitoring	Added language for clearer description of program
B. Assessment	B. Assessment	Updated language to describe the process for assessment more clearly
C. Reporting	C. Reporting	Very minor updates to this section
IV. Total Maximum Daily Loads		
A. Introduction	A. Background	Summarized and updated language
B. Implementation	D. TMDL Implementation	This Section is now IV.D to aid in readability. Point Source implementation now references section V.B of the WQMP/CPP to avoid contrary information should updates fail to address both sections
C. Process for the Development of TMDLS and Individual Water Quality Based Effluent Limits	C. Process for TMDL Development	only minor changes (grammatical or formatting/citation)

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D. Process for Prioritizing the Development of TMDLs	B. TMDL Prioritization	This Section is now IV.B to aid in readability
E. Completed TMDLs		This section has been eliminated as completed TMDLs are, and have been listed as Appendix B. References to completed TMDLs have been incorporated into IV.C, IV.D and V.C.
<b>V. Effluent Limitations</b>		
A. Introduction	A. Introduction	Updated language to describe the process for assessment more clearly
B. Process for Development and Certification of Effluent Limitations and Schedules of Compliance	B. Process for Development and Certification of Effluent Limitations and Schedules of Compliance	This section has been expanded to discuss the various components in greater detail.
	C. Incorporating TMDL Waste Load Allocations into NPDES Permits	This section has been expanded to discuss the various components in greater detail.
	D. Process for Determining the Priority of Permit Issuance	This section has been expanded to discuss the various components in greater detail.
	E. Process for Deriving WQBELs based on Narrative Standards in NPDES Permits	This section has been expanded to discuss the various components in greater detail.
C. Process for Determining the Priority of Permit Issuance		
<b>VI. Municipal and Industrial Waste Treatment</b>		
A. Clean Watersheds Needs Survey	A. Clean Watersheds Needs Survey	
B. Clean Water State Revolving Fund	B. Clean Water State Revolving Fund	Description of the Bureau under the New Mexico Environment Department that oversees the program and the regulatory authority that the revolving fund is operated in accordance to have been added.
C. Rural Infrastructure Revolving Loan Program	D. Rural Infrastructure Revolving Loan Program	No substantial changes
D. Special Appropriations Program	E. Special Appropriations Program	Values updated but no other substantial changes
E. Uniform Funding Application		This section has been removed in its entirety
F. Process for Priority Rating of Wastewater Construction Loans Projects and Management	C. Process for Priority Rating of Wastewater Construction Loans Projects and Management of the Priority List	This section has been moved to VI.C.
G. Process for Controlling Disposition of Residual Waste from Wastewater Treatment Process	F. Process for Controlling Disposition of Residual Waste from Wastewater Treatment Process	No substantial changes
<b>VII. Nonpoint Source Management and Control</b>		
A. The Nonpoint Source Management Program	A. The Nonpoint Source Management Program	
	B. The Nonpoint Source Management Plan	This section did not change in content but was listed as a subsection for clarity.
	C. The Wetlands Program	This section was removed from its previous location under XV and incorporated into the nonpoint source section to coincide with actual organizational practice
B. Planning Strategy for Nonpoint Source Management		This section has been removed as it is time sensitive and these actions are identified in the most recent Nonpoint Source Management Plan
<b>VIII. Management Agencies</b>		
A. Designated Management Agencies for Wastewater Management	A. Designated Management Agencies for Wastewater Management	More description on the requirements and process for designating a wastewater management agency has been added to aid in future evaluation and incorporation of waste management agencies.
B. Management Agencies for Nonpoint Source Program Management	B. Management Agencies for Nonpoint Source Program Management	To maintain consistency with the section, an additional sentence was added to identify how a nonpoint source management agency is considered a management agency
C. Process for Designating Management Agencies	B. Process for Designating Wastewater Management Agencies	This section has been moved up and subcategorized to address both point source and nonpoint source processes
<b>IX. Implementation Measures</b>		
A. Introduction	A. Overview	No substantial changes
B. Planning Strategy for Implementation Measures	B. Planning Strategy for Implementation Measures	No substantial changes
<b>X. Dredge and Fill Program</b>		
A. Description of the Dredge and Fill Program	A. Description of the Dredge and Fill Program	No substantial changes
B. Process for CWA Section 401 Certification of Dredge and Fill Permits	B. Process for Certification of Dredge and Fill Permits Under Section 401 of the CWA	No substantial changes
C. Planning Strategy for the Dredge and Fill Program	C. Planning Strategy for the Dredge and Fill Program	No substantial changes
<b>XI. Basin Plans</b>		
A. Introduction	A. Introduction	No substantial changes
B. Strategy	B. Strategy	No substantial changes
<b>XII. Ground Water</b>		
A. Ground Water Pollution Prevention Program	A. Ground Water Pollution Prevention Program	No substantial changes
B. Planning Strategy for Ground Water Protection	B. Planning Strategy for Ground Water Protection	No substantial changes

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XIII. Determination of Compliance with Water Quality Standards for the Protection of Human Health Criteria		
A. Background	A. Background	Last paragraph of background has been updated for clarity.
B. Process for Determination of Compliance	B. Process for Determination of Compliance	Since the process is the same for both perennial and ephemeral, the process has been revised to reflect this.
XIV. Public Participation		
A. Requirements for Public Participation	A. Requirements for Public Participation	Language was refined to more accurately reflect the federal requirements under 40 CFR 25.4 and NMED policies
B. Planning Strategy for Fulfilling Public Participation Requirements	B. Planning Strategy for Fulfilling Public Participation Requirements	Actions are those taken by NMED to engage the public. Removal of those actions that are beyond NMED's control. Language to be consistent throughout each of the Program elements
XV. Wetlands Program	VII.C Wetlands Program	This section has been incorporated in its entirety under the nonpoint source section as VII.C
A. Introduction	VII.C.1 Regulatory Controls	
B. Planning Strategy	VII.C.2 Restoration and Protection	
Not previously in the WQMP/CPP	XV. References	New Section added to include those documents previously incorporated by reference as well as other citations within the WQMP/CPP
Appendix A Antidegradation Policy Implementation Procedure	Appendix A Antidegradation Policy Implementation Procedure	The Antidegradation Policy has be revised substantially
Appendix B Approved Total Maximum Daily Loads for New Mexico	Appendix B Approved Total Maximum Daily Loads for New Mexico	Appendix B is updated regularly and has no additional changes outside of formatting to be consistent with the rest of the WQMP/CPP appendices
Appendix C Hydrology Protocol	Appendix C Hydrology Protocol	
Summary	Executive Summary	Language was changed only to provide clarity to the subject matter. The references to "cover sheet" have been removed as the protocol no longer requires this. All Hydrology Protocols now require a full Level 1 evaluation.
	Table of Contents	A table of Contents has been added
Introduction	Introduction	Language was changed to introduce the topic and application of the Hydrology Protocol
Definitions	Definitions	References to "draft" have been removed
Section 1 Hydrology Determination	Section 1-Hydrology Determination	
	General Information	A new section was created to assist the reader in the basic structure of the method and applicability in a Use Attainability Analysis.
User/Evaluator Experience	User/Evaluator Experience	No substantial changes to this section
Drought Conditions	Drought Conditions	No substantial changes to this section
Recent Rainfall Activity	Recent Rainfall Activity	No substantial changes to this section
Scoring	Scoring	Content has not changed, language has been modified for clarity purposes
Level 1 Evaluation: Data Collection	Level 1 Evaluation: Data Collection	
Level 1 Office Procedures	Level 1 Office Procedures	This Section has been modified in structure to allow for consistent implementation. Areas of investigation are now in independent subsections with the resources required to evaluate. Drought conditions does elaborate on additional sources, including the SPEI.
Level 1 Field Procedures	Level 1 Field Procedures	This Section has been modified in structure to allow for consistent implementation. Order of subsections has been modified based on actual process order.
Level 1 Scoring	Level 1 Scoring	minor edits for clarity and to address common questions. Clarification for consistency between the narrative and field sheet
Level 1 Indicators	Level 1 Indicators	minor edits for clarity and to address common questions. Clarification for consistency between the narrative and field sheet
Level 1 Supplemental Indicators	Level 1 Supplemental Indicators	minor edits for clarity and to address common questions. Clarification for consistency between the narrative and field sheet
Level 2 Field Procedures	Level 2 Evaluation: Borderline Determinations	No substantial changes to this section
Level 2 Indicators	Level 2 Office Procedures	No substantial changes to this section
Level 2 Field Procedures	Level 2 Field Procedures	No substantial changes to this section
Level 2 Indicators	Level 2 Indicators	No substantial changes to this section
Section 2 Guidance for Overall Scoring	Section 2 Guidance for Overall Scoring	No substantial changes to this section
Literature Cited	Literature Cited	Updated references, as appropriate