

**THE NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT SURFACE WATER QUALITY
BUREAU ON DRAFT 2006-2008 STATE OF NEW MEXICO INTEGRATED CLEAN
WATER ACT SECTIONS 303(D)/ 305(B) LIST OF ASSESSED SURFACE WATERS**

NOTICE OF A 37-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Surface Water Quality Bureau (SWQB) invites the public to comment on the draft 2006-2008 State of New Mexico Integrated Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 303(d)/305(b) List of Assessed Surface Waters (Integrated List). The Integrated List identifies whether or not a particular surface water of the state is currently meeting its designated uses as detailed in the State of New Mexico Standards for Interstate and Intrastate Surface Waters (20.6.4 NMAC), through application of the State of New Mexico Procedures for Assessing Standards Attainment for the Integrated Sections 303(d)/305(b) Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report (Assessment Protocols). "Category 5" waters on the Integrated List specifically constitute the CWA Section 303(d) List of Impaired Waters. Copies of the draft list or any of the above supporting documents may be obtained via download from the SWQB website www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqb or by contacting Gary King at (505) 827-2928, gary.king@state.nm.us (physical address information provided below).

The 37-day public comment period on the draft Integrated List will start March 5, 2007, and end April 10, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. During this period, the public may provide written comments for consideration and inclusion in the public record. Formal comments must be submitted to the SWQB, in writing, to **Lynette Guevara, NMED SWQB, Room N2163, P.O. Box 26110, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87502, (505) 827-2904**. Electronic submittals are preferred at lynette.guevara@state.nm.us.

Following the close of the public comment period, copies of the final draft Integrated List as amended and the Response to Comments will be available to the public via download from the SWQB website or upon request 10 days prior to next regularly scheduled WQCC meeting, tentatively set for May 8, 2007, where SWQB will present the final draft Integrated List. The final Integrated List will then be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for formal approval as Appendix B of the 2006-2008 State of New Mexico Integrated Clean Water Act Sections 303(d)/305(b) Report to Congress.

If you are an individual with a disability and you require assistance or an auxiliary aid (e.g. translator or sign-language interpreter) to participate in any aspect of this process, please contact **Judy Bentley** at least 10 days prior to meeting at the New Mexico Environment Department, P.O. Box 26110, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502, (505) 827-9872.