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September 9, 2014

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**SUBJECT: 2014 -2016 State of New Mexico Clean Water Act §303(d) / §305(b) Integrated Report**

Dear Mr. Crocker:

The NMED Surface Water Quality Bureau (SWQB) is pleased to submit *2014-2016 State of New Mexico Clean Water Act §303(d) / §305(b) Integrated Report* (Report). The Report was approved by the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) on September 9, 2014. The Report and the associated Record of Decision as well as other supporting documentation are available at: <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqb/303d-305b/2014-2016/index.html>. The Report was developed in accordance with the memorandum entitled "*Information Concerning 2014 Clean Water Act Sections 303(d), 305(b), and 314 Integrated Reporting and Listing Decisions*," dated September 3, 2013, and includes the New Mexico's Clean Water Act §303(d) / §305(b) Integrated List of Assessed Surface Waters as Appendix A.

The Bureau first solicited comment on our revised Assessment Protocols, and called for submittal of existing and readily available data, via public notice from March 20, 2013, through April 18, 2013. Impairment status was then determined in accordance with 20.6.4 NMAC and the most recent *State of New Mexico Assessment Protocol* (available at <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqb/protocols/2014/index.html>). The Report was opened for a 60-day public comment period from May 30, 2014, to July 29, 2014. Legal notices were published in five major newspapers around the state, including the Albuquerque Journal, Santa Fe New Mexican, Las Cruces Sun, Silver City Daily Press, and Farmington Daily Times. The notices were also posted to the SWQB's website and sent to the SWQB's statewide e-mail list. The Bureau responded in writing to each comment received in Appendix C of the Report. These responses were forwarded to all commenters prior to the September 9<sup>th</sup> WQCC meeting.

Enclosed with this letter are copies of the public notices, and documentation of WQCC approval. Please contact Lynette Guevara of my staff at 505-827-2904 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*[Signature]*  
James Hogan, Chief  
Surface Water Quality Bureau

cc: Phil Crocker, EPA Region 6  
Phil Hutchison, EPA Region 6  
Katrina Coltrain, EPA Region 6  
Lynette Guevara, NMED SWQB

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
BEFORE THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:

Final Draft State of New Mexico 2014-2016 Clean Water Act  
§303(d) / §305(b) Integrated Report and List of Assessed Surface Waters



ORDER

THIS MATTER came before the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission on September 9, 2014, at a regularly scheduled meeting. Having considered the proposed Final Draft 2014-2016 §303(d) / §305(b) Integrated Report and List of Assessed Surface Waters, together with the oral presentations at the meeting, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

The 2014-2016 §303(d) / §305(b) Integrated Report and List of Assessed Surface Waters is approved and incorporated within the State Water Quality Management Plan and Continuing Planning Process.

ISSUED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September 2014.

  
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Ryan Flynn, Chair  
Water Quality Control Commission

**NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT  
SURFACE WATER QUALITY BUREAU**

**Surface Water Quality Bureau Seeks Water Quality Data and Comment on the Assessment Protocol Used to Determine Impairment Status for Development of the 2014-2016 State of New Mexico CWA §303(d)/ §305(b) Integrated Report**

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Surface Water Quality Bureau (SWQB) is soliciting surface water quality data and input on assessment methodologies to develop the *2014-2016 State of New Mexico CWA §303(d)/ §305(b) Integrated Report* (Assessment Protocols). Specifically, the federal Clean Water Act (CWA) requires states, territories, and authorized tribes to develop a list of waterbodies where water quality does not currently meet applicable surface water quality standards. Category 5 waters in the Integrated List constitute the *List of Impaired Waterbodies* (also known as the “303(d) List”). This list is used to establish priorities for water quality improvements, including development of total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) water quality planning documents that establish goals for impaired waters.

SWQB is specifically soliciting chemical, physical, biological, bacteriological, and toxicological data for all surface waters of the state that can be compared to water quality standards published in 20.6.4 NMAC. All data submitted must be accompanied by the standard operating procedures (SOPs) and the quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) protocols under which the data were collected and validated. All submissions will be reviewed by the SWQB QA Officer to determine data eligibility for assessment. Additional details and data templates are available at: <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqb/DataSubmittals>.

SWQB is also soliciting comment on the draft Assessment Protocols. This document explains how the SWQB evaluates surface water quality data and other information to determine whether or not surface water quality standards are attained.

Copies of the draft Assessment Protocols, SOPs, and QA/QC procedures can be downloaded from the SWQB’s website at: <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqb> (see Topics on left sidebar). If you experience trouble downloading or require a CD or hardcopy, please contact [gary.king@state.nm.us](mailto:gary.king@state.nm.us) or [lynette.guevara@state.nm.us](mailto:lynette.guevara@state.nm.us) at (505) 827-0187.

**Data packages and comments on the draft Assessment Protocols will be accepted from March 20, 2013, until the close of business on April 18, 2013.** Data packages and comments should be emailed (preferred) to [lynette.guevara@state.nm.us](mailto:lynette.guevara@state.nm.us), or mailed to: NMED SWQB, P.O. BOX 5469, Santa Fe, New Mexico USA 87502, ATTN: Lynette Guevara. For additional questions regarding this public notice, contact Ms. Guevara at (505) 827-2904 or the above email address.



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### NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT SURFACE WATER QUALITY BUREAU ON DRAFT 2014 - 2016 STATE OF NEW MEXICO CLEAN WATER ACT SECTIONS 303(d)/ 305(b) INTEGRATED LIST OF ASSESSED SURFACE WATERS

### NOTICE OF A 45-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Surface Water Quality Bureau (SWQB) invites the public to comment on the draft 2014 - 2016 State of New Mexico Clean Water Act (CWA) Sections 303(d)/305(b) Integrated Report, including the CWA Sections 303(d)/305(b) Integrated List of Assessed Surface Waters (Integrated List) as Appendix A. 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 and any of the above supporting documents may be obtained via download from the SWQB website [www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqb/303d-305b/2014-2016](http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqb/303d-305b/2014-2016) or by contacting Gary King at (505) 827-2928, [Gary.King@state.nm.us](mailto:Gary.King@state.nm.us) (physical address information provided below).

The 45-day public comment period on the draft Integrated List will start **Friday, May 30, 2014, and end Monday, July 14, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. MDT**. During this period, the public may provide written comments for consideration and inclusion in the public record. Formal comments must be submitted in writing to:

**Lynette Guevara**  
**NMED – SWQB**  
**P.O. Box 5469**  
**Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502**

Electronic comments are preferred and should be sent to: [Lynette.Guevara@state.nm.us](mailto:Lynette.Guevara@state.nm.us).

Following the close of the public comment period, the SWQB will prepare the final draft Integrated List as amended and the Response to Comments. The Integrated Report and List will be presented to the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) for review and approval. The Integrated List and the Response to Comments will be available to the public via download from the SWQB website, or upon request, 10 days prior to the regularly scheduled WQCC meeting (tentatively set for August 12, 2014) where SWQB plans to present the final draft Integrated List. The final Integrated Report and List, as approved by the WQCC, will then be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for their approval.



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### **Surface Water Quality Bureau Invites Extended Public Comment on the DRAFT 2014 - 2016 STATE OF NEW MEXICO CLEAN WATER ACT SECTIONS 303(d) / 305(b) INTEGRATED REPORT and LIST**

**July 10, 2014**

In response to requests for an extension, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Surface Water Quality Bureau (SWQB) has **extended the comment period for an additional 15 days** on the draft 2014 - 2016 State of New Mexico Clean Water Act (CWA) Sections 303(d)/305(b) Integrated Report, including the CWA Sections 303(d)/305(b) Integrated List of Assessed Surface Waters (Integrated List). Copies of the draft documents and any of the above supporting documents may be obtained via download from the SWQB website [www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqb/303d-305b/2014-2016](http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqb/303d-305b/2014-2016).

All comments must be in writing. Electronic comments submitted via email are preferred. Comments must be received no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, July 29, 2014. Please direct all comments via email, mail or fax to:

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PO Box 5469, Santa Fe, NM 87502  
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Email: [Lynette.Guevara@state.nm.us](mailto:Lynette.Guevara@state.nm.us)



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- Probable Sources
- Public Notice
- Quality Assurance Project Plan
- Quality Management Plan
- Request For Proposals
- Request For Quotes
- River Stewardship Program
- Sedimentation/Siltation
- Standard Operating Procedures
- Storm Water
- SWQB Mapper
- Total Maximum Daily Loads
- TMDLs List
- Triennial Review
- Use Attainability Analyses

## Surface Water Quality Bureau 2014-2016 State of New Mexico CWA §303(d)/§305(b) Integrated List & Report — WQCC APPROVED —

**Lynette Guevara**  
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Read Me



- PDF DOWNLOADS**
- Public Notice (15-Day Extended Deadline) 173 kb
  - Public Notice (Original) 205 kb
  - Integrated Report 1.7 MB
  - Appendix A: Integrated List 1.1 MB

- SPREADSHEETS**
- Integrated List by IR Category
  - Integrated List by IR Category
  - All Impairments (Cat. 4 or 5)
  - All Impairments (Cat. 4 or 5)
  - 2014 New Impairments
  - 2014 New Impairments
  - 2014 De-Listed Impairments
  - 2014 De-Listed Impairments

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  - 2010-2012
  - 2008-2010
  - 2006-2008
  - 2004-2006
  - 2002-2004
  - 2000-2002
  - 1998-2000

The WQCC-Approved version of New Mexico's Clean Water Act Sections 303(d)/305(b) Integrated List & Report will now forwarded to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (US EPA) Region 6 Offices for their final approval sometime during the remainder of 2014.

The **Integrated List** identifies whether or not a particular surface water of the state is currently meeting its designated uses as detailed in the **Standards for Interstate and Intrastate Surface Waters (20.6.4 NMAC)** through application of the State's **Assessment Protocols**. "Category 5" waters on the Integrated List specifically constitute the CWA Section §303(d) List of Impaired Waters. The Integrated List is represented as **Appendix A** of the 2014-2016 State of New Mexico CWA §303(d)/§305(b) Integrated Report.

An **EXTENDED DEADLINE 60-Day** public comment period on the draft Integrated List started Friday, May 30, 2014, and ended on Tuesday, July 29, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. MDT. During that period, the public could provide written comments for consideration and inclusion

- Appendix B: Sources & Causes Tables 357 kb
- Appendix C: Response to Comments 929 kb
- Record of Decision 873 kb
- Public Notice for Data and AP Review 36 kb
- External Data Quality Assurance Assessment 195 kb
- WQCC Record of Approval xxx kb
- NMED Submittal Letter xxx kb
- US EPA Approval Letter x.x MB

- MORE SUPPORTING MATERIALS**
- Pajarito Plateau Assessment
  - Sandia Canyon Dissolved Copper IR Category 4b Demonstration

Select from the available choices above to download portions of the 2014-2016 State of New Mexico CWA §303(d)/§305(b) Integrated Report as well as all other associated documents.