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Mr. William K. Honker  
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RE: 2016-2018 State of New Mexico Clean Water Act §303(d) / §305(b) Integrated Report

Dear Mr. Honker:

The Clean Water Act (CWA) has two primary requirements for reporting water quality in a state, the “303(d) List,” and the “305(b) Report.” These requirements are combined into the *State of New Mexico CWA §303(d) / §305(b) Integrated Report* (IR). The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is pleased to submit the **2016-2018 IR** for review and approval. The IR and associated appendices were approved by the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) on June 14, 2016. The IR is incorporated into the New Mexico’s Statewide Water Quality Management Plan and Continuing Planning Process (WQMP/CPP) by reference. The IR, appendices, and supporting documentation are available at: <https://www.env.nm.gov/swqb/303d-305b/2016-2018/index.html>.

The IR was developed in accordance with the EPA memorandum entitled “*Information Concerning 2016 Clean Water Act Sections 303(d), 305(b), and 314 Integrated Reporting and Listing Decisions*,” dated August 13, 2015, and includes New Mexico’s CWA §303(d) / §305(b) Integrated List of Assessed Surface Waters as Appendix A. NMED first solicited comment on our revised Assessment Protocols, and called for submittal of existing and readily available data, via public notice from May 14, 2015, through June 12, 2015. Impairment status was then determined in accordance with 20.6.4 NMAC and the most recent *State of New Mexico Assessment Protocol* (available at <https://www.env.nm.gov/swqb/protocols/>). The IR was opened for a 45-day public comment period from February 3, 2016, to March 18, 2016. Legal notices were published in five major newspapers around the state, including the Albuquerque Journal, Santa Fe New Mexican, Las Cruces Sun, Roswell Daily Record, and Farmington Daily Times on the opening day. The notices were also posted to NMED’s website and sent through the GovDelivery e-mail delivery service. NMED responded in writing to each comment received in Appendix C of the IR. These responses were forwarded to all commenters prior to the WQCC meeting.

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

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
WATER QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION



IN THE MATTER OF:

FINAL DRAFT STATE OF NEW MEXICO 2016-2018 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 May 10, 2016, at a regularly scheduled meeting. Having considered the proposed Final Draft 2016-2018 Clean Water Act §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 Final Draft 2016-2018 Clean Water Act §303(d)/§305(b) Integrated Report and List of Assessed Surface Waters is approved as revised, adopted, and incorporated into New Mexico's Statewide Water Quality Management Plan and Continuing Planning Process.

ISSUED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June 2016.

  
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Ryan Flynn, Chair  
Water Quality Control Commission