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**THE NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT, SURFACE WATER QUALITY BUREAU ON THE  
PROPOSED REMOVAL OF THE ALUMINUM TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL) FOR THE  
CIMARRON RIVER**

**NOTICE OF A 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), Surface Water Quality Bureau (SWQB) is inviting the public to comment on the removal of the aluminum "total maximum daily load" (TMDL) document for the Cimarron River (Canadian River to Turkey Creek). A TMDL for aluminum in the Cimarron River was approved in December 2000. The data used to develop the original impairment listing and the TMDL was re-evaluated. According to this re-evaluation using SWQB Assessment Protocols, the Cimarron River between the Canadian River and Turkey Creek was determined not to be impaired for aluminum. Therefore, the TMDL needs to be removed from the NM Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP). Additional information on the proposed removal of the aluminum TMDL is posted on the front page of the Surface Water Quality Bureau's website, which can be found at: <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqb/>.

The 30-day comment period will open May 10, 2005, and will end June 9, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. MDT. Formal comments for inclusion in the public record may be sent, via **e-mail**: <[Jennifer\\_Ickes@nmenv.state.nm.us](mailto:Jennifer_Ickes@nmenv.state.nm.us)> or in writing, to **Jennifer Ickes, mailing address NMED SWQB, Room N2109, P.O. Box 26110, Santa Fe, NM, 87502; fax number (505) 827-0160** (if possible, please submit an electronic copy in addition to paper). **Any formal comments must be received by the SWQB no later than June 9, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.**

The SWQB will approach the NM Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) at their regular monthly meeting, tentatively set for June 14, 2005, to request removal of the Cimarron River aluminum TMDL document from the WQMP. For more information, or to request a copy of the proposed TMDL removal document, contact Jennifer Ickes, at the address provided above, or by calling (505) 827-0101.

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