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# The 2013 Triennial Review

## STATE OF NEW MEXICO STANDARDS FOR INTERSTATE AND INTRASTATE WATERS 20.6.4 NMAC

The **New Mexico** Environment Department's Surface Water Quality Bureau began work on its current Triennial Review almost two years ago. State priorities for potential changes were identified and an informal 30-day Scoping Period for the Triennial Review was conducted during April 3 - May 15, 2013. Staff was available to meet with stakeholders on their issues of concern. Proposals for amendments were developed into a Public Discussion Draft which was public noticed for review and comment during April 1 - May 30, 2014. The [Public Discussion DRAFT](#) is still available online, even though the comment period is closed.

During comment periods for both the Scoping Phase and Public Discussion Draft, the Bureau received comments from a variety of contributors including the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), watershed/river conservation groups, municipalities, water districts, industrial/trade groups, private entities and citizens. All timely comments received have been compiled in alphabetic order (by commenter name), and are [now available online](#). Responses to comments will be posted online once completed.

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While the entire water quality standards have been under review, the most [significant changes](#) proposed by the Department are updates to designated uses, updates to water quality standards processes or implementation provisions and changes to clarify the implementation of standards, such as for EPA's NPDES permits issued in New Mexico.

**WHAT'S NEW...**

- The Department's [petition](#) for a hearing request on the Triennial Review presented to the Water Quality Control Commission on July 8, 2014, is now [available online](#). The hearing petition includes changes to the *Public Discussion Draft* in consideration of [comments received](#). The [schedule](#) and [procedural](#) orders for the Triennial Review are expected to be published by the Hearing Officer appointed by the Water Quality Control Commission in the New Mexico Register and in newspapers on July 31, 2014, and are also [available here online](#). In accordance with the Hearing Officer's scheduling order, hearings will begin on April 14, 2015.

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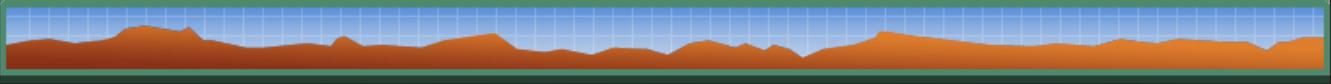
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## Office of the Secretary - Hearing Officer The 2013 Triennial Review of the Water Quality Standards for Interstate and Intrastate Surface Waters, 20.6.4 NMAC

### - PLEADING LOG -

#### A Matter before the Water Quality Control Commission in Public Hearing, Docket No. WQCC 14-05 (R)

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) petitioned the [Water Quality Control Commission](#) (WQCC) at its [July 8, 2014 regular public meeting](#) to conduct the triennial review of New Mexico's [Water Quality Standards, 20.6.4 NMAC](#). A review of the Standards on a three-year basis is required by [Section 303\(c\)](#) of the federal [Clean Water Act](#) (CWA). Along with the petition, NMED presented its [proposed amendments](#) and narrative explanation.

The [Boards & Commissions Administrator](#) docketed the matter as *WQCC 14-05 (R)* and prepared a [pleading log](#), which will be maintained throughout the course of the proceeding. The deadline for all parties to file notices of intent to present technical testimony is Friday, December 12, 2014. The hearing is currently scheduled to begin on Tuesday, April 14, 2015.

The [pleadings](#) (below) filed in this matter before the [Hearing Officer](#) on behalf of the WQCC currently includes 4 entries from the NMED as well as the Hearing Officer.

**Contact information** for the [Hearing Officer](#) appointed in this matter can be found at the bottom of this page. For more information about the State's Triennial Review Process, please contact [Kris Pintado](#), NMED's [Surface Water Standards](#) Coordinator, directly at **(505) 827-2822**.

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10.	<a href="#">Entry of Appearance Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris &amp; Sisk P.A.</a> (Stuart Butzier)	Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk, P.A.	09/30/14	71 kb
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12.	<a href="#">Freeport-McMoRan Chino Mines Company's Petition</a> to Amend the Surface Water Quality Standards (20.6.4 NMAC) and Request for Hearing	Gallagher & Kennedy, P.A.	09/30/14	11.6 MB
13.	<a href="#">New Mexico Environment Department, Surface Water Quality Bureau's Amended Petition to</a>	NMED	10/20/14	553 kb

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