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**SUBJECT: 2012-2014 State of New Mexico Clean Water Act §303(d) / §305(b) Integrated Report**

Dear Mr. Honker:

The *2012-2014 State of New Mexico Clean Water Act §303(d) / §305(b) Integrated Report* (Report) was approved by the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (Commission) on March 13, 2012. The Report and the associated Record of Decision are available at: <http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqb/303d-305b/2012-2014/>. The Report was developed in accordance with the *Guidance for 2006 Assessment, Listing and Reporting Requirements Pursuant to Sections 303(d), 305(b), and 314 of the Clean Water Act* (EPA 2005) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency memoranda dated October 12, 2006; May 5, 2009; and March 21, 2011. It includes the State of New Mexico Clean Water Act §303(d) / §305(b) Integrated List of Assessed Surface Waters (Integrated List) as Appendix A. Impairment status was determined in accordance with 20.6.4 NMAC and the most recent *State of New Mexico Assessment Protocol* (<http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqb/protocols/>).

The New Mexico Environment Department's Surface Water Quality Bureau (Bureau) solicited comment on our revised Assessment Protocols and existing and readily available data via public notice from March 22, 2011, through April 20, 2012. The Integrated List was opened for a 45-day public comment period from December 11, 2011, to January 30, 2012. The notices were published in the legal notices section of major newspapers around the state, including the Albuquerque Journal, Santa Fe New Mexican, Las Cruces Sun, Silver City Daily Press, Taos New, and Farmington Daily Times. The notices were also posted to the Bureau's website and sent to the Bureau's statewide e-mail list. The Bureau responded in writing to each comment received (*see Appendix C of the Report*).

Enclosed with this letter are copies of the public notices, documentation of Commission approval, and an electronic version of New Mexico's Assessment Database. Please contact Lynette Guevara or James Hogan of my staff at 505-827-2904 or 505-476-3671, respectively, should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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