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MEMORANDUM

To: General Circulation
From: Mike D. Coffman, UOC Operator Certification Officer
Date: December 3, 2009
Re: Water Sampling Certification/WW Laboratory Certification Clarifications

This memorandum is to clarify the application and implementation of two categories of Operator Certification in New Mexico. The two categories are Water Sampling Certification and Wastewater Laboratory Technician Certification.

➤ **Water Sampling Technician Level 1 and 2**

20.7.4 NMAC Section 12 C, states that: “ In order to perform the various types of water sampling at public water supply systems after January 1, 2008, the indicated level of certification shall be required:”

Clarification: These two levels of certification are for sampling “Public Water Systems ONLY, it does not have any affect on sampling Wastewater discharges, pond, effluents or any other wastewater flow streams.

➤ **Wastewater Laboratory Technician Level 1, 2, and 3**

20.7.4 NMAC Section 13 C, states that: * “In order to perform wastewater analysis at the various sizes of public wastewater facilities after January 1, 2008, the indicated level of certification shall be required:”

Clarification: These three levels of certification are for performing wastewater analysis in public wastewater facilities ONLY. The analysis performed in Wastewater Laboratories excludes all POTABLE WATER ANALYSIS as related to Wastewater Laboratory Technician Certifications requirements.

* NOTE: On November 20, 2009 the NM Advisory Board accepted revisions to 20.7.4.13C and 20.7.4.14 that will be proposed to the NM Water Quality Control Commission in a public hearing format in 2010. Fundamentally, the above clarification will not change the intent of the regulation as pertaining to the certification of Wastewater Laboratory Technicians.

If there are any questions please contact me at Mike.Coffman@state.nm.us