

**New Mexico's Water Quality Management Plan and Continuing Planning Process
Summary of Changes in the 2011 Update and Consolidation**

SECTION	SIGNIFICANT CHANGES	MINOR CHANGES	PREVIOUS LOCATION¹
Overall Document			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Merges WQMP and CPP into one document organized by topic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Edits references and formatting to accommodate merging of documents. - Summarizes or references other documents rather than repeating content. - Deletes "work elements" in the WQMP. 	
Preface			
Presents recent update history.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Condenses purpose of 2002/2003 updates. - Adds goals of current update. 		WQMP pp. 5-6 CPP p. 4
Section I - Introduction			
A. Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identifies WQMP and CPP requirements in table format. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Drops discussion of "historical perspective" (evolution of CWA and WQA). 	WQMP pp. 6-7 CPP pp. 5-6
B. Institutional Roles & Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WQCC: updates composition per WQA amendments. - GWQB: adds UIC program and reference to SDWA. - SWQB: adds wetlands program and River Ecosystem Restoration grant program. - CPB: drops reference to Colonias Construction Grants Program because it no longer exists. - Adds Water Cabinet. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - WQCC: omits list of duties; refers instead to list of duties in WQA. - NMED: drops organizational chart and division structure. - GWQB: adds previously omitted duty (development of standards and regulations). - SWQB: drops reference to SDWA and drinking water because the drinking water program generally does not fall under the WQMP nor is it implemented by SWQB; adds previously omitted monitoring & assessment duties. - Condenses descriptions of state agency programs that do not fall directly under the WQMP/ CPP. - Regional/areawide agencies: omits DMA tallies but retains them in Section VIII.B. 	WQMP pp. 8-15 CPP pp. 8-9

¹ The previous location refers to the page numbers where the information can be found in the previously approved Statewide Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) dated May 13, 2003 or in the previously approved Continuing Planning Process document (CPP) dated December 14, 2004.

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C. Process for Assuring Intergovernmental Cooperation in Implementation of the Statewide Water Quality Management Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strikes reference to NM Department of Finance and Administration’s “Clearing-house System” because it no longer exists. - Updates composition of the WQCC. 		CPP pp. 21-22
D. Process for Updating & Maintaining the WQMP/CPP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Replaces separate processes for administrative vs. formal WQMP updates with one process. - Provides for public comment at WQCC meeting for all updates, but omits opportunity to request public hearing. - Adds specific mention of TMDL approval process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deletes “Inactive Work Elements and Work Elements Now Covered by Other Programs” because this discussion is no longer relevant. - Deletes “Consistency with Federal Programs” because this information is covered in Sections V, VI, and IX. 	CPP pp. 17-20 WQMP p. 21
Section II – Surface Water Quality Standards			
A. Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adds designated uses and criteria for unclassified waters and notes human health criteria, per water quality standards amendments. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Generalizes list of designated uses and refers to full list in water quality standards (20.6.4 NMAC). - Drops mention of site-specific narrative criteria and shortens description of narrative vs. numeric criteria. - Drops repetition of language in 20.6.4.10.B & C NMAC regarding revisions to uses and criteria. - Summarizes levels of antidegradation protection rather than reproducing WQS language in 20.6.4.8 NMAC. - Drops repetition of information in 20.6.4.9 NMAC on how to nominate Outstanding National Resource Waters. - Drops implementation described in Section II.B and 20.6.4.8 NMAC. 	WQMP pp. 17-20

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B. Process for Establishing & Assuring Implementation of Water Quality Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clarifies description of water quality standards adoption process by referencing the applicable statutes and rules and also the WQCC guidelines. - Clarifies primary sources of guidance and assistance to prevent nonpoint source pollution 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Condenses discussion by referencing rather than reproducing the Antidegradation Policy and Implementation Plan at 20.6.4.8 NMAC. - Updates title of Region 6 NPDES procedures. - Moves explanation of TMDLs to Section IV and provides reference. - Condenses discussion of point and nonpoint source controls, which are covered in Sections V and VII. 	CPP pp. 23-26
C. Use of the Hydrology Protocol	New.		
Section III – Surface Water Quality Monitoring, Assessment & Reporting			
A. Monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adds reference to 10-year monitoring and assessment strategy; - Expands QA/QC discussion slightly and adds review for QAPP and SOPs. - Adds reference to the CWA §303d/§305b Integrated Report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moves rotating survey design from Reporting to Monitoring. 	WQMP pp. 16-17
B. Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adds explanation about use of non-SWQB data. - Notes that assessments are based on data from the last five years. - Adds specificity to the antidegradation review example of water quality management processes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adds specific reference and link to Assessment Protocol. 	WQMP p. 16 CPP p. 24
C. Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reflects the integration of the §303(d) list and §305(b) report. - Adds explanation of removing a water body from the 303(d) list. - Incorporates the Integrated Report by reference. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deletes reference to State of the Environment Report because it is no longer published. - Adds mention of watershed surveys and special studies. - Moves rotating survey design to Monitoring. 	WQMP pp. 16-17

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Section IV – Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)			
A. Introduction	– Reorganizes and expands explanation of TMDLs.		WQMP pp. 23 CPP pp. 14, 16, 25
B. Implementation of TMDLs	– Revises and updates explanation of how TMDLs affect point and nonpoint sources, including how to assign WLAs for new or increased discharges into a TMDL reach.		CPP pp. 16, 25
C. Process for the Development of TMDLs & Individual Water Quality Effluent Limitations for Pollutants	– Updates and expands explanation of TMDL development and revision.		CPP p. 15
D. Process for Prioritizing the Development of TMDLs	– Updates explanation of TMDL prioritization; deletes reference to and process for revising a Priority Ranking System no longer used.		WQMP pp. 24, 31 CPP p. 15
E. Completed TMDLs	– Moves list of TMDLs to an appendix that can be separately updated as new TMDLs are approved. – Deletes list of WLAs because such a list is not required and because WLAs are identified in TMDL documents.		WQMP pp. 24-35

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Section V – Effluent Limitations			
A. Introduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Updates, reorganizes and clarifies requirements regarding determination of technology based and water quality based effluent limitations. – Replaces explanation of compliance schedules with language in 20.6.4.12 NMAC. – Retains only those elements of the “Strategy” in the WQMP pertaining to NMED (drops those referring to the permitting authority). – Drops fecal coliform bacteria effluent limitation because water quality standards now include bacterial criteria for all surface waters. 		WQMP pp. 36-38 CPP pp. 12-13
B. Process for Development & Certification of Effluent Limitations and Schedules of Compliance for NPDES Permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Adds reference to new certification regulations. – Strikes NM’s certification options (certify, certify with conditions, deny) because these are described in the certification regulations. 		WQMP p. 37 CPP p. 12
C. Process for Determining the Priority of Permit Issuance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Adds this as the required process description rather than stating that this element does not apply to NM. 		CPP p. 6
Section VI – Municipal and Industrial Waste Treatment			
A. Clean Watersheds Needs Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Updates name and current content of the Clean Watersheds Needs Survey, – Retains reference to the document but no longer incorporates it into the WQMP/CPP by reference because it does not require WQCC approval nor does it have any binding effect on funding priorities in NM. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Shortens discussion slightly. 	WQMP p. 39-40
B. Clean Water State Revolving Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Adds reference to nonpoint source funding, loan/grant combinations, and the Green Project Reserve. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Adds reference to designated management agencies. 	CPP p. 18, 30
C. Rural Infrastructure Revolving Loan Program	New.		

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D. Special Appropriations Program	New.		
E. Uniform Funding Application	New.		
F. Process for Priority Rating of Wastewater Construction Loans Projects & Management of the Priority List	– Updates and expands explanation.		CPP p. 30
G. Process for Controlling Disposition of Residual Waste from Wastewater Treatment Processing	None.	– Minor updates and edits.	CPP p. 29
Section VII – Nonpoint Source Management and Control			
A. The Nonpoint Source Management Program B. Planning Strategy	– Updates description to be consistent with recently updated and approved program, – Adds reference to CWSRF funding and the Green Project Reserve.		WQMP p. 42 CPP pp. 26-27
Section VIII – Management Agencies			
A. Designated Management Agencies for Wastewater Management	None.	– Drops repetitive information about tribal management agencies.	WQMP p. 43-47
B. Management Agencies for Nonpoint Source Program	None.	– Slight re-wording.	WQMP p. 47
C. Process for Designating Management Agencies	None.	– Reserves the federally defined term “DMA” for wastewater management agencies.	WQMP pp. 46-47
Section IX – Implementation Measures			
A. Introduction B. Planning Strategy	None.	– Omits repetitive information.	WQMP pp. 48-49

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Section X – Dredge and Fill Program			
A. Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Adds reference to new certification regulations – Strikes NM's certification options (certify, certify with conditions, deny) because these are described in the certification regulations. – Adds description of additional aspects of the program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Strikes reference to the Nonpoint Source Management Plan because it provides no additional detail on the dredge and fill program. 	WQMP p. 50
B. Process for CWA Section 401 Certification of Dredge & Fill Permits	New.		
C. Planning Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Commits to annual review of the program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Drops statement that the Nonpoint Source Management Plan is incorporated by reference because the plan provides no additional detail on the dredge and fill program and is already incorporated by reference into the WQMP/CPP. 	WQMP p. 50
Section XI – Basin Plans			
A. Introduction B. Strategy	None.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Expands discussion of watershed-level planning. 	WQMP p. 51 CPP p. 6, 17
Section XII – Ground Water			
A. Pollution Prevention Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Adds description of discharge permitting and UIC programs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Deletes description of database capabilities. 	WQMP pp. 52-53
B. Planning Strategy for Ground Water Protection	None.	None.	WQMP p. 53
Section XIII – Determination of Compliance with Water Quality Standards for the Protection of Human Health Criteria			
A. Background B. Process for Determination of Compliance	None.	None.	WQMP pp. 54-55
Section XIV – Public Participation			
A. Requirements for Public Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Updates table of requirements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Deletes background discussion of why public participation is important. 	WQMP pp. 56-59

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B. Planning Strategy for Fulfilling Public Participation Requirements	None.	– Revises formatting	WQMP p. 59
Section XV – Wetlands Program			
A. Introduction B. Planning Strategy	New.		
Appendix A – Antidegradation Policy Implementation Procedure²			
I. Introduction II. Scope III. Tier Definitions IV. Implementation V. Appeals	– Adds guidance for allowing permitted activities that may cause degradation but result in restoration or maintenance of a Tier 1, 2 or 3 water. – Adds guidance for approval of temporary and short-term degradation in Tier 3 waters (Outstanding National Resource Waters).		CPP Appendix A
Appendix 1: Tier 2 Review of a Public Facility	None.	None.	
Appendix 2: Tier 2 Review of a Private Facility	None.	None.	
Appendix 3: Assimilative Capacity Calculation Guideline	None.	None.	
Appendix B – Approved TMDLs for New Mexico			
	– Moved from main document.		WQMP 24-31
Appendix C - Hydrology Protocol			
	New.		

² These amendments to Appendix A were approved by the Water Quality Control Commission on November 30, 2010.