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Dear Tank Owners, Operators, Fuel Delivery Companies and Other Interested Parties,

The Petroleum Storage Tank Bureau ("PSTB") has scheduled a series of public Stakeholder meetings on proposed revisions to the Petroleum Storage Tank Regulations, 20.5 NMAC. We will hold the meetings in Roswell on April 28, Albuquerque on May 3, Santa Fe on May 5, and in Farmington on May 12. Meeting schedules and locations are available on our PSTB website, www.nmenv.state.nm.us/ust; Click on "Announcements" or "PST Regulations – Proposed"). Maps to meeting locations and driving instructions are also posted on the website. If you do not have access to the internet, you may obtain information on the meetings by calling 505-476-4397.

At the meetings, we will present and discuss draft revisions to new Part 19 of the regulations on Delivery Prohibition and Enforcement, and on proposed changes to Part 10 on Administrative Review. PSTB is finalizing the proposed rules in underline-strike-through format so you may view all changes proposed, and will be posting these on the webpage at least 10 days in advance of the meetings. (Again, if you do not have access to the web, call the number above.)

Delivery prohibition was mandated by the federal Energy Policy Act of 2005, and by House Bill 81 passed in the 2010 Legislative Session; these changes to the Hazardous Waste Act and the Ground Water Protection Act extend the PSTB's authority to petroleum product deliverers (transport companies who deliver regulated substances), and implement requirements for delivery prohibition and facility shut-down. The Part 10 revisions will expand administrative review provisions to include remediation contractors, rather than just tank owners and operators.

PSTB will provide time at each meeting for stakeholders to present comments and questions; please contact Jennifer Pruett of my staff at (505) 476-4392 or Jennifer.Pruett@state.nm.us with questions about the rule revisions or the meetings.

We look forward to your participation and thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

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Stephen G. Reuter, Acting Bureau Chief