

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER RULEMAKING RULES FOR THE COMMISSION -
20.1.6 NMAC**

The New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (Commission) will hold a public hearing beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 2016, and continuing thereafter as necessary at the New Mexico State Capitol Building, Room 307, 490 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico. The hearing location may change prior to the hearing date, and those interested in attending should check the Commission website: <http://www.env.nm.gov/wqcc> prior to the hearing. The purpose of the hearing is to consider proposed Rulemaking Rules for the Commission, to be designated as 20.1.6 NMAC (Rules). The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) is the proponent of the proposed Rules.

The Rules would codify the current WQCC Rulemaking Guidelines, with a number of additions, modifications, and formatting changes. Please note that formatting and minor technical changes in the regulations other than those proposed by NMED may be proposed at the hearing. In addition, the Commission may make other changes as necessary in response to public comments and evidence presented at the hearing.

The proposed amendments may be reviewed during regular business hours at the NMED Hearing Office located in the Harold Runnels Building, 1190 South St. Francis Drive, Room S-2102 Santa Fe, NM, 87505.

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the WQCC Rulemaking Guidelines, the Water Quality Act, NMSA 1978, Section 74-6-6, and other applicable procedures.

All interested persons will be given reasonable opportunity at the hearing to submit relevant evidence, data, views and arguments, orally or in writing, to introduce exhibits, and to examine witnesses. Any person who wishes to submit a non-technical written statement for the record in lieu of oral testimony must file such statement prior to the close of the hearing.

Pursuant to the WQCC Rulemaking Guidelines, persons wishing to present technical testimony must file with the Board a written notice of intent to do so on or before 5:00 p.m. on September 21, 2016. The notice of intent shall:

- identify the person or entity for whom the witness(es) will testify;
- identify each technical witness that the person intends to present and state the qualifications of the witness, including a description of his or her education and work background;
- include a copy of the direct testimony of each technical witness in narrative form;
- include the text of any recommended modifications to the proposed regulatory change; and
- list and attach all exhibits anticipated to be offered by that person at the hearing, including any proposed statement of reasons for adoption of the rule language being proposed.

Notices of intent for the hearing must be received in the Hearing Office no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 21, 2016 and should reference the name of the regulation, the date of the hearing, and docket number WQCC 16-03(R). Notices of intent to present technical testimony should be submitted to:

Pam Castaneda, Administrator of Boards and Commissions
Office of the Water Quality Control Commission
Harold Runnels Building
P.O. Box 5469
Santa Fe, NM 87502

Any person who wishes to do so may offer non-technical public comment at the hearing, or submit a non-technical written statement in lieu of oral testimony at or before the hearing. Written comments regarding the proposed revisions may be addressed to Ms. Pam Castaneda, Administrator of Boards and Commissions, at the above address, and should reference docket number WQCC 16-03(R).

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If any person requires assistance, an interpreter or auxiliary aid to participate in this process, please contact Pam Castaneda, WQCC Administrator by August 31, 2016, at P.O. Box 5469, 1190 St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87502, telephone (505) 827-2425 or email pam.castaneda@state.nm.us. (TDD or TTY users please access the number via the New Mexico Relay Network, 1-800-659-1779 (voice); TTY users: 1-800-659-8331).

The Commission may make a decision on the proposed regulatory change at the conclusion of the hearing, or may convene a meeting after the hearing to consider action on the proposal.