

**NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT SURFACE WATER
QUALITY BUREAU ON DRAFT 2018-2020 STATE OF NEW MEXICO CLEAN
WATER ACT SECTIONS 303(D)/ 305(B) INTEGRATED REPORT AND LIST OF
ASSESSED SURFACE WATERS**

NOTICE OF A 45-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Surface Water Quality Bureau (SWQB) invites the public to comment on the draft 2018-2020 State of New Mexico Clean Water Act (CWA) §303(d)/§305(b) Integrated Report, including the Integrated List of Assessed Surface Waters (Integrated List) as Appendix A. The Integrated List identifies whether or not a particular surface water of the state is currently meeting its designated uses as detailed in the State of New Mexico Standards for Interstate and Intrastate Surface Waters (20.6.4 NMAC), through application of the *Procedures for Assessing Water Quality Standards Attainment for the State of New Mexico CWA §303(d)/§305(b) Integrated Report: Comprehensive Assessment and Listing Methodology (CALM)*. “Category 5” waters on the Integrated List specifically constitute the CWA Section 303(d) List of Impaired Waters. Copies of the draft list and any of the above supporting documents may be obtained via download from the SWQB website at <https://www.env.nm.gov/surface-water-quality/> or by contacting Cassie Salazar at (505) 827-0187, cassie.salazar@state.nm.us (physical address information provided below).

The 45-day public comment period on the draft Integrated Report and List will start **April 18, 2018, and end May 31, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. MDT**. During this period, the public may provide written comments for consideration and inclusion in the public record. Formal comments must be submitted in writing to: **Lynette Guevara, NMED SWQB, P.O. Box 5469, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87502**. Electronic comments, in plain text if possible, are preferred and should be sent to: lynette.guevara@state.nm.us.

Following the close of the public comment period, the SWQB will prepare the final draft 2018-2020 Integrated Report and List as amended, including the Response to Comments as Appendix C. The Integrated Report and List will be presented to the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) for review and approval at their regularly scheduled meeting (tentatively set for July 10, 2018). The Integrated Report and List, including the Response to Comments, will be available to the public via download from the SWQB website, or upon request, no later than 10 days prior to the WQCC meeting. The WQCC meeting schedule and agendas are maintained on the WQCC website (<https://www.env.nm.gov/water-quality-control-commission/wqcc/>). The final Integrated Report and List, as approved by the WQCC, will then be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6 for their approval.

If any person requires other non-English Language Speaker Assistance, assistance for an interpreter, or auxiliary aid (e.g., accommodations for persons who are disabled) to participate in the public process for the Integrated List, please contact Lynette Guevara, allowing at least 14 days prior to the meeting date, at PO Box 5469, Santa Fe, NM 87502, telephone (505)827-2904 or email lynette.guevara@state.nm.us. TDD or TTY users

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