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Ms. Homer,

Please see the attached letter for your consideration regarding the NM Water Quality Management Plan / Continuing Planning Process Comprehensive Update.

I was sorry to have missed the Las Cruces public meeting, as I was out due to illness last week. Dr. Fernando Cadena, who did attend, was able to give me a little information on the meeting. If you have any materials or information that was provided, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks very much,

Hilary

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Ms. Pam Homer  
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Dear Ms. Homer:

New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) respectfully requests a time extension for the submission of public comments on the Water Quality Management Plan and Continuing Planning Process Comprehensive Update (WQMP-CPP). Considering the importance of these two documents for water quality management in New Mexico, as well as the Hydrology Protocol (HP) final draft, NMDA believes there is not sufficient time allowed for a comprehensive analysis by affected stakeholders and the public.

The draft HP went through a public process in 2009; NMDA submitted comments regarding this on September 22, 2009, and appreciates the response to comments by New Mexico Environment Department staff, which was made available in January 2011. The HP is now included as Appendix 1 in the WQMP-CPP. Considering the use of the HP in determining New Mexico's water quality standards, providing a time extension on comments to the WQMP-CPP would also allow for thorough analysis on the newly announced HP.

NMDA appreciates the consideration of this request. Please contact Ms. Julie Maitland at [jmaitland@nmda.nmsu.edu](mailto:jmaitland@nmda.nmsu.edu) with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Bagwell".

Tom Bagwell  
Interim Director/Secretary

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