

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
WATER QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION



IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION  
FOR ALTERNATIVE ABATEMENT STANDARDS  
FOR THE FORMER ST. ANTHONY MINE,  
CIBOLA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

WQCC 16-05 (A)

UNITED NUCLEAR CORPORATION,

**Petitioner.**


**SCHEDULING ORDER PURSUANT TO 20.1.3.17(B) AND 20.1.3.16(B)(2) NMAC**

On December 19, 2016, United Nuclear Corporation filed a “Petition for Alternative Abatement Standards for the Former St. Anthony Mine, Cibola County, New Mexico” (“Petition”) with the Administrator for the Water Quality Control Commission (“Commission”). During its regular meeting on January 10, 2017, the Commission determined that a public hearing shall be held on the Petition, and authorized the Chair to appoint a Hearing Officer for the public hearing before the Commission. The Chair appointed Erin O. Anderson, Administrative Law Judge for the New Mexico Environment Department, to serve as Hearing Officer. The New Mexico Environment Department (“Department”) submitted its Response to Petition for Alternative Abatement Standards on January 6, 2017.

20.6.2.4103(F)(3) NMAC provides that the Commission reviews petitions for alternative abatement standards in accordance with the procedures for review of a variance petition provided in the Commission’s adjudicatory procedures found in 20.1.3 NMAC. Accordingly, the Hearing Officer hereby issues the following Scheduling Order pursuant to 20.1.3.18(C)(2) and 20.1.3.16(B)(2) NMAC.

1. The alternative abatement standards hearing will be held during the Commission's regularly scheduled meeting on **Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.** in Room 307 of the State Capitol Building, 490 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501.
2. The alternative abatement standards hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Water Quality Act, NMSA 1978, Section 74-6-5, the Water Quality Control Commission Adjudicatory Procedures found in 20.1.3 NMAC, and all other applicable law.
3. Any person who wishes to present technical evidence at the hearing shall file a statement of intent in accordance with 20.1.3.17(E) NMAC with the Commission Administrator on or before **Friday, April 28, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.**
4. Any person who has not timely filed either an entry of appearance or a statement of intent to present technical evidence may present a general non-technical statement as provided in 20.1.3.17(F) NMAC.
5. The petitioner has the burden of going forward with the evidence and of proving by a preponderance of the evidence the facts relied upon to justify the relief sought in the petition pursuant to 20.1.3.17(H) NMAC. Following the establishment of a prima facie case by the petitioner, any person opposed to the relief sought in the petition has the burden of going forward with any evidence and showing why the relief should not be granted.
6. The petitioner shall, at its own expense, have the hearing stenographically recorded and transcribed by a certified court reporter pursuant to 20.1.3.18(E) NMAC. Please contact Pam Castaneda, Commission Administrator, at 505-827-2425 or [pam.castaneda@state.nm.us](mailto:pam.castaneda@state.nm.us), to schedule the appearance of a certified court reporter.

7. The Hearing Officer will conduct the hearing so as to provide a reasonable opportunity for all interested persons to be heard without making the hearing unreasonably lengthy or cumbersome or burdening the record with unnecessary repetition in accordance with 20.1.3.20(B)(1) NMAC.
8. 20.1.3.20 NMAC outlines the general hearing procedures. The alternative abatement standards hearing will begin with an opening statement from the Hearing Officer followed by the option for brief opening statements by the parties. The petitioner will present its evidence first, followed by the Department, and then any other party. All witnesses shall be examined under oath and all exhibits shall be considered in accordance with the applicable rule.
9. Unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, any party may submit proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law, and closing argument within thirty (30) days after the conclusion of the hearing pursuant to 20.1.3.21(B) NMAC.
10. Unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, the Hearing Officer will issue a recommended decision within thirty (30) days after the deadline for the filing of proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law in accordance with 20.1.3.21(C) NMAC.
11. The Commission shall reach a final decision at a public meeting. The Commission may adopt, modify, or set aside the Hearing Officer's recommended decision and shall set forth in the final order the reasons for its actions pursuant to 20.1.3.21(D) NMAC.

  
Erin O. Anderson, Administrative Law Judge  
New Mexico Environment Department  
Hearing Officer for WQCC 16-05 (A)

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the **Scheduling Order Pursuant to 20.1.3.17(B) And 20.1.3.16(B)(2) NMAC** was sent via the stated methods below to the following parties on February 17, 2017:


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