NEW MEXICO WATER QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO 20.6.2 NMAC—THE COPPER RULE

The New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission will hold a public hearing beginning at 9:00 a.m. on April 9, 2013 at the New Mexico State Capitol Building, Room 307, 409 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico to consider proposed amendments to the Commission's Ground and Surface Water Protection Rule, 20.6.2 NMAC, referred to as the Copper Rule and proposed in WQCC 12-01 (R) by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). The hearing will proceed as necessary throughout April 9-11, April 16-18, April 23-25 and April 30-May 2 in Santa Fe; a public comment session will be held in Silver City on May 3, 2013, from 4-7 p.m. in the Global Resource Center at Western New Mexico University, 817 West 12th Street. Public comment will also be accepted from 5-7 p.m. in the evenings of April 10 and 11 in Apodaca Hall in the Old PERA Building at 1120 Paseo de Peralta.

The proposed amendments would establish new rules for the copper mine industry to specify measures to be taken to prevent water pollution and to monitor water quality.

The proposed amendments may be reviewed during regular business hours at the Commission Administrator's office located in the Harold Runnels Building, 1190 St. Francis Drive, Room N-2150 Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87502. In addition, the proposed amendments and related pleadings, including an amended petition, are posted on the Commission webpage at http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/wqcc/.

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Guidelines for Water Quality Control Commission Regulation Hearings, the Water Quality Act, Section 74-6-6 NMSA 1978, and other applicable procedures and procedural orders. Written comments regarding the proposed revisions may be addressed to Pam Castañeda, Commission Administrator, at the above address; reference docket number WQCC 12-01 (R).

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 hearing.

Persons wishing to present technical testimony must file with the Commission a written notice of intent to do so. The requirements for a notice of intent can be found in the Commission's Guidelines for Regulation Hearings and have been modified by a procedural order entered in this matter, which may be obtained from the Administrator or found on the Commission's webpage. Notices of intent for the hearing must be received by in the Office of the Commission Administrator by 5:00 pm on February 22, 2013, and should reference the name of the regulation, the date of the hearing, and docket number WQCC 12-01 (R).

If you are an individual with a disability and you require assistance or an auxiliary aid, e.g. sign language interpreter, to participate in any aspect of this process, please contact the Personnel Services Bureau by March 9, 2013. The Bureau can be reached at the New Mexico Environment Department, 1190 St. Francis Drive, P.O. Box 5469, Santa Fe, NM 87502-5469,

and (505) 827-9872. TDD or TDY users may access this number via the New Mexico Relay Network (Albuquerque TDD users: (505) 275-7333; outside of Albuquerque: 1-800-659-1779.)

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