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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to 20.6.3.300.J NMAC that the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), Ground Water Quality Bureau, (GWQB) is proposing to revise the **Voluntary Remediation Oversight Fee** for current and future participants in the State of New Mexico's Voluntary Remediation Program. The NMED GWQB is proposing to revise the current Voluntary Remediation Oversight Fee of \$90.00/hour (hr.) to \$125.00/hr. This is the first proposed revision of the Voluntary Remediation Oversight Fee by NMED GWQB since the New Mexico Voluntary Remediation Program was adopted in 2001. This proposed revision is necessary due to budgetary increases from rising inflation and operation costs that have occurred over the last 22 years. The proposed revision to the Voluntary Remediation Oversight Fee will ensure that the NMED GWQB has the necessary budget to provide adequate and effective oversight to the participants of New Mexico's Voluntary Remediation Program. To request more information regarding the proposed revision to the Voluntary Remediation Oversight Fee, email NMED at [ros.general@env.nm.gov](mailto:ros.general@env.nm.gov) and include "VRP Fees" in the subject line of the email.

Prior to approval of this proposed Voluntary Remediation Fee revision on November 1, 2023, NMED will allow until October 25, 2023, to receive written comments on the proposed revision to the Voluntary Remediation Oversight Fee. Comments on the proposed revision should be sent to: NMED Ground Water Quality Bureau – VRP, PO Box 5469, Santa Fe, NM 87502-5469 or by email to [ros.general@env.nm.gov](mailto:ros.general@env.nm.gov). and include VRP Fees in the subject line of the email.

If you are a non-English speaker, do not speak English well, or if you have a disability, you may contact the NMED to request assistance, an interpreter, or an auxiliary aid in order to learn more about the VRP Oversight Fee revision. To the extent possible, NMED will arrange for requested interpretation services and accommodations or services for persons with disabilities. Telephone conversation assistance is available through Relay New Mexico at no charge for people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have difficulty speaking on the phone, by calling 1-800-659-1779; Spanish: 1-800-327-1857; TTY users: 1-800-659-8331. Telephone interpretation assistance for persons that are a non-English speaker or do not speak English well is available at no charge when calling NMED.

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