

The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) proposes a modification to the Stage 2 Abatement Plan (S2AP) pursuant to the New Mexico Ground and Surface Water Protection Regulations (20.6.2 NMAC) for the La Cueva NMDOT Patrol Yard, located at milepost 23.4 on State Road NM 518 in La Cueva, Mora County, New Mexico. The modification to the S2AP proposes to abate chloride and total dissolved solids groundwater quality standard exceedances of 20.6.2.3103 NMAC in the El Queso Neighborhood by pumping and treating impacted groundwater encountered between 10 and 55 feet below the ground surface with a reverse osmosis system. The El Queso Neighborhood is located at Queso Road and NM 518 in La Cueva, New Mexico.

Persons interested in reviewing and/or obtaining additional information on the S2AP modification proposal may do so by visiting the NMED field office located at 2537 Ridge Runner Rd. in Las Vegas (505-454-2800) or by visiting the Mora County public notice section on the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), web page at www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/. Persons may also contact the NMED Ground Water Quality Bureau (GWQB) project manager at (505) 660-8497 or by emailing ros.general@env.nm.gov.

The NMED will accept written comments regarding the S2AP modification proposal and requests for a public meeting or hearing that includes the reasons why a meeting or hearing should be held within 60 days of the date of this public notice. Written comments may be emailed to ros.general@env.nm.gov, submitted through the NMED public comment portal at nmed.commentinput.com/comment/search, or mailed to NMED-GWQB; Attn: Matthew Smith, Project Manager; 121 Tijeras Avenue, NE; Albuquerque, NM 87102-3400.

NMED shall make a determination to approve or deny the proposed modification at the end of the 60-day public comment period. The Secretary of NMED shall make the final decision if a public meeting or hearing is held.

NMED maintains a Public Involvement Plan (PIP) to plan for providing public participation opportunities and information that may be needed for the community to participate in the abatement process. PIPs may be viewed online at www.env.nm.gov/public-notices/, or the NMED field office in Las Vegas at 2537 Ridge Runner Rd. 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 auxiliary aid to learn more about the S2AP modification proposal, or to participate in activities associated with this regulatory process. 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; TTY users: 1-800-659-8331; Spanish: 1-800-327-1857. 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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