



October 15, 2021

Re: List of Contaminants Covered by Water Conservation Fund in Calendar Year 2022

Dear Water System Official,

The Water Conservation Fund (WCF) was established by statute in 1993 as an incentive to conserve water within the State and as a unique way to fund the costly sampling and analysis of contaminants that is required by the federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) and associated New Mexico regulations. Since 1993, the WCF has benefited hundreds of public water systems throughout the state by supporting them in their essential work to provide safe and reliable drinking water to New Mexicans.

The WCF is funded by fees charged to operators of public water systems at \$0.03 per thousand gallons of drinking water produced. The fees are collected and managed by the Taxation and Revenue Department and the revenues are then deposited into the WCF. Each of your municipal public water systems is required to pay into this important Fund. However, annual expenditures continue to exceed revenue generated by the fee established in 1993. NMED is continuing to explore and implement strategies to increase fund revenues and mitigate increased costs.

During State Fiscal Year 2021 (FY21) these efforts to explore additional WCF funding resulted in a special appropriation of \$600,000 secured during the 2021 Legislative Session. This additional funding will be used to help pay for WCF expenses during FY22.


Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 74-1-13 "The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) shall compile a list every twelve months to include the contaminants that State samplers will collect, and the analyses being paid for by the Fund. The determination of which contaminants will be analyzed shall include consideration of the availability of funds in the water conservation fund, the needs of the public water supplies being tested for additional contaminants, and public health and safety."

Based upon the requirements of NMSA 1978, Section 74-1-13 and current projections the NMED Drinking Water Bureau developed a list of contaminants that will be covered by the WCF during Calendar Year 2022. The attached list of contaminants covered during Calendar Year 2022 includes the reinstatement of payments for disinfection byproducts and asbestos that were discontinued during Calendar Year 2021.

This letter serves as NMED's notification to your public water system of the contaminants collected and/or analyzed that will be paid for by the WCF during Calendar Year 2022. (January 1 – December 31, 2022)

If you have any questions or concerns about this notification, please contact Bethany Anderson, Water Conservation Fund Manager, by email at Bethany.Anderson@state.nm.us.

Respectfully,


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Attachment

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Water Conservation Fund Annual List of Contaminants for Calendar Year 2022

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Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 74-1-13(G) the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) shall compile a list every twelve months to include the contaminants that State samplers will collect, and the analyses being paid for by the fund.

The NMED Drinking Water Bureau has developed the following list of the contaminants that will be collected and paid by the Water Conservation Fund (WCF) from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

Heavy Metals	Synthetic Organic Compounds	Volatile Organic Compounds	Microbiological
Aluminum	Alachlor	1,1,1-trichloroethane	T. coliform/E. coli*
Antimony	Atrazine	1,1,2-trichloroethane	TC/EC enumeration
Arsenic	Carbofuran	1,1-dichloroethylene	Cryptosporidium
Barium	Chlordane	1,2,4-trichlorobenzene	Giardia
Beryllium	EDB (ethylene dibromide)	1,2-dichloroethane	Individual Parameters
Cadmium	DBCP (1,2-dibromo-3-chloropropane)	1,2-dichloropropane	Asbestos*
Chromium	Heptachlor	Benzene	Bromate
Copper*	Heptachlor epoxide	Carbon tetrachloride	Bromide
Iron	Lindane	Chlorobenzene	Chloride
Lead*	Methoxychlor	Cis-1,2-dichloroethylene	Chlorine dioxide
Magnesium	PCBs	Dichloromethane	Chloramine
Manganese	2,4-D	Ethylbenzene	Color
Mercury	2,4,5-TP	Ethylene dibromide	Cyanide
Nickel	Pentachlorophenol	o-dichlorobenzene	Fluoride
Selenium	Aldicarb	p-dichlorobenzene Styrene	Foaming agents
Silver	Aldicarb sulfone	Tetrachloroethylene	Hardness, total
Sodium	Aldicarb sulfoxide	Toluene	Nitrite
Thallium	Benzo(a)pyrene	Trans-1,2-dichloroethylene	Nitrate + nitrite
Zinc	Dalapon	Trichloroethylene	Odor
Radiological	Di(ethylhexyl)-adipate	Vinyl chloride	Potassium
Combined uranium	Di(ethylhexyl)-phthalate	Xylenes, total	Sulfate
Uranium 234 & 238	Dinoseb	<u>DBPs*</u>	TDS
Gross alpha/beta	Diquat	Total Trihalomethanes*	Total organic carbon
Radium 226	Endothall	Haloacetic Acids*	Specific UV ABS
Radium 228	Endrin		
Strontium	Glyphosate		
Tritium	Hexachlorobenzene		
	Hexachlorocyclopentadiene		
	Oxamyl		
	Picloram		
	Simazine		
	2,3,7,8-TCDD (dioxin)		

*These contaminants are normally sampled by the water system and submitted by the system to the laboratory.