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Environment Department Launches Review Process for Water Protection Regulations

Santa Fe – On Friday the New Mexico Environment Department's Ground Water Quality Bureau will host an informational public meeting to launch the review process and public dialogue for proposed revisions to water protection regulations from 2-4 p.m. at the Runnels Auditorium at 1190 St. Francis Drive in Santa Fe. The current ground and surface water protection regulations can be found at 20.6.2 of the New Mexico Administrative Code.

The meeting will describe the forthcoming review process, highlight areas of the regulations that are under consideration for revision, and answer questions about the review process. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

Environment Secretary Ryan Flynn said, "We've been making a variety of performance improvements across the agency during the last three years which are now coming to fruition. The planned update of the water quality regulations is no different and follows a series of operational and financial improvements to the Ground Water Quality Bureau over the past four years.

"We are prepared now to update the water protection regulations, so that they will reflect the latest science and state-of-the-art sampling techniques, while facilitating public participation," said Flynn.

Updates on the forthcoming regulation revision process will be posted on the Ground Water Quality Bureau website, www.env.nm.gov/gwb/. Interested members of the public and news media are invited to subscribe to the Ground Water Bureau's General News updates at http://bit.ly/1sutNDS

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