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Public Hearing Scheduled for Proposed Rules and Regulations for Well Drilling, Licensing, and Well Construction in New Mexico

(SANTA FE, New Mexico) — A public hearing on the proposed **Rules and Regulations for Underground Water Well Driller Licensing, Well Drilling, and Construction** in the State of New Mexico will be held in **Santa Fe on Monday, January 10.**

"We encourage those who may be affected by these rules and regulations to participate in this hearing," said State Engineer John D'Antonio. "Public comments will be helpful in making revisions which seek to protect the environment as well as to protect members of the public who may need to hire a well driller."

The proposed rules and regulations, which will govern the drilling of wells, licensing of drillers, and well construction throughout the state, were last updated in 1995.

WHAT: **Public Hearing on the Revised Proposed Underground Water Well Driller Licensing, Well Drilling, and Construction**

WHERE: **Mabry Hall**
Jerry Apodaca Education Building
300 Don Gaspar Ave.
Santa Fe, NM

WHEN: **Monday, January 10, 2004**

TIME: **9:00 a.m.**

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The Proposed New Mexico Rules and Regulations for Underground Water Well Driller Licensing, Well Drilling, and Construction can be downloaded from the Office of the State Engineer website at:

www.ose.state.nm.us

The Office of the State Engineer is charged with administering the state's water resources. The State Engineer has power over the supervision, measurement, appropriation, and distribution of all surface and groundwater in New Mexico, including streams and rivers that cross state boundaries. The State Engineer is also Secretary of the Interstate Stream Commission and oversees its staff.

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