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New Rules and Regulations for Well Drilling, Licensing, and Well Construction in New Mexico are Posted for Public Review

(SANTA FE, New Mexico) — Proposed new **Rules and Regulations for Underground Water Well Driller Licensing, Well Drilling, and Construction** in the State of New Mexico will be posted for public review today on the Office of the State Engineer's website.

"We encourage suggestions for improvement of this draft, which will be helpful in revising these proposed rules and regulations," said State Engineer John D'Antonio. "Due to the increasing dependence on New Mexico's groundwater by the public and the need to protect those resources, revisions were necessary to help protect the environment as well as to protect the public who may need to hire a well driller."

These proposed rules and regulations, which will govern the drilling of wells, licensing of drillers, and well construction throughout the state, were last updated in 1983.

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

Written comments should be e-mailed to publiccomments@ose.state.nm.us, or mailed to:

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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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