

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
INTERSTATE STREAM COMMISSION**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED REGULATIONS
FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A STRATEGIC WATER RESERVE**

A hearing officer for the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission will hold a public hearing on October 20, 2005 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Room 307 of the Capitol Building, located at 490 Old Santa Fe Trail, New Mexico, and on additional days as necessary, to consider proposed regulations for establishment of a strategic water reserve. The Commission expects to take up the matter for decision at its November meeting or next regular meeting thereafter.

The New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission proposes these regulations pursuant to HB 195 from the 2005 Legislative Session (to be codified at Chapter 72, Article 14).

All proposed regulations and other documents related to the hearing may be reviewed during regular business hours in the office of the Commission, located at the Bataan Memorial Building, 407 Galisteo Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87501. You may also contact Daniel Rubin, ISC Counsel, at (505) 476-0557. The proposed regulations are posted on the web page of the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer. Go to the web site at www.ose.state.nm.us; the link to the proposed regulations are listed under "hot topics."

Technical Testimony and Legal Argument:

In order to present technical testimony or legal argument at the hearing, a person must file a notice of intent to present technical testimony or legal argument no later than October 10, 2005, with Ms. Terry Harper at the New Mexico Interstate Stream Commission, 407 Galisteo, P.O. Box 25102, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504, (505) 476-0556 (TDD or TDY users please access her number via the New Mexico Relay Network. Albuquerque TDD users: (505) 275-7333; outside of Albuquerque; 1-800-659-1779). Notices and their attachments may be filed electronically; Ms. Harper's email address is terry.harper@state.nm.us. The notice shall:

1. identify the person for whom the witness(es) will testify;
 2. identify each technical witness the person intends to present and state the qualifications of that witness including a description of their educational and work background;
 3. attach a summary of the testimony of each technical witness or summary of each legal argument;
 4. include the text of any recommended modifications to the proposed regulatory change;
- and
5. identify and attach all exhibits to be offered by the person at the hearing.

Copies of any such notices and attachments will be available from Ms. Harper prior to the hearing. Time for oral testimony and presentation is limited, and written submittals are encouraged. The Commission shall exclude technical testimony and exhibits not timely filed unless excused for good cause.

Participation by the General Public:

At the hearing, any member of the general public may present non-technical testimony and non-legal argument, and present any accompanying exhibits. No prior notification is required. Persons desiring to present non-technical testimony and non-legal argument at the hearing may be heard immediately prior to the close of the hearing record. A member of the general public may submit a written non-technical statement for the record in lieu of oral testimony at the hearing at any time prior to the close of the hearing.

If you are an individual with a disability and you require assistance or an auxiliary aid, e.g. translator or sign language interpreter, to participate in any aspect of this process, please contact Terry Harper by October 12, 2005.