Notice that the New Mexico Environment Department, Surface Water Quality Bureau is Reviewing a Proposed Letter of Permission Procedure for the Purpose of Preparing a State Certification or Denial Pursuant to Section 401 of the Federal Clean Water Act, and Opportunity for Public Comment

Pursuant to the federal Clean Water Act, Section 404 (CWA), the US Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is in the process of issuing a Letter of Permission (LOP) procedure for “government or quasi-government organization with an operations and maintenance program for facilities or structures located in an urban area that they are responsible for or own.” Copies of the proposed LOP procedure are available at http://www.spa.usace.army.mil/Missions/RegulatoryProgramandPermits/PublicNotices.aspx.

This Notice serves to notify the public that the SWQB will consider issuing certification under Section 401 of the CWA. The purpose of certification is to reasonably ensure that the permitted activities will comply with applicable New Mexico water quality standards, including the antidegradation policy, and the statewide water quality management plan. This Notice is also posted on the SWQB website at http://www.nmenv.state.nm.us/swqb/WQA/Notice/.

The Department will accept written comments regarding the state certification of the draft permit until 5:00 p.m. MDT on March 22, 2015. The Department will consider all comments timely received in its preparation of the state certification. Comments may be submitted electronically or by hard copy to:

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