

STATE OF NEW MEXICO BEFORE THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF:

PETITION TO AMEND 20.6.4.97 NMAC TO MODIFY DESIGNATED USE OF THE RIO GRANDE TO FOUR HILLS BRIDGE REACH OF THE TIJERAS ARROYO

WQCC No. 25-28

National Technology & Engineering Solutions of Sandia, LLC.,

Petitioner.

PETITION TO AMEND DESIGNATED USE OF THE RIO GRANDE TO FOUR HILLS BRIDGE REACH OF THE TIJERAS ARROYO AND REQUEST FOR HEARING

National Technology & Engineering Solutions of Sandia, LLC., ("NTESS" or "Petitioner"), operator of Sandia National Laboratories, pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 74-6-6(b) (1993), 20.1.6.200 NMAC, and 20.6.4.15 (D) NMAC, hereby Petitions the Water Quality Control Commission ("Commission") to amend the Commission's regulations in Title 20, Chapter Six, Part Four of the New Mexico Administrative Code ("NMAC") titled "Standards for Interstate and Intrastate Surface Waters" ("Rules").

The proposed amendment is to 20.6.4.97 NMAC and would add the Rio Grande to Four Hills Bridge reach of the Tijeras Arroyo (AU NM-9000.A_070) to the list of ephemeral waters under the Rules. Petitioner proposes this amendment based upon a Use Attainability Analysis ("UAA") conducted pursuant to a work plan approved by the Surface Water Quality Bureau ("SWQB") of the New Mexico Environmental Department ("NMED" or "Department").

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Add a new subsection to 20.6.4.97 NMAC stating as follows:

20.6.4.97 EPHEMERAL WATERS:

Ephemeral surface waters of the state as identified below and additional ephemeral waters as identified on the department's water quality standards website pursuant to Paragraph (2) of Subsection D of 20.6.4.15 NMAC are subject to the designated uses and criteria as specified in this section. Ephemeral waters classified in 20.6.4.101-899 NMAC are subject to the designated uses and criteria as specified in those sections.

- **A. Designated uses:** livestock watering, wildlife habitat, limited aquatic life and secondary contact.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific criteria in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the designated uses. **C.** Waters:
- (1) the following waters are designated in the Rio Grande basin:
- (a) Cunningham gulch from Santa Fe county road 55 upstream 1.4 miles to a point upstream of the Lac minerals mine, identified as Ortiz mine on U.S. geological survey topographic maps;
- (b) an unnamed tributary from Arroyo Hondo upstream 0.4 miles to the Village of Oshara water reclamation facility outfall;
- (c) an unnamed tributary from San Pedro creek upstream 0.8 miles to the PAA-KO community sewer outfall;
- (d) Inditos draw from the crossing of an unnamed road along a power line one-quarter mile west of McKinley county road 19 upstream to New Mexico highway 509;
- (e) an unnamed tributary from the diversion channel connecting Blue canyon and Socorro canyon upstream 0.6 miles to the New Mexico firefighters academy treatment facility outfall;
- (f) an unnamed tributary from the Albuquerque metropolitan arroyo flood control authority (AMAFCA) Rio Grande south channel upstream of the crossing of New Mexico highway 47 upstream to I-25;
- (g) the south fork of Cañon del Piojo from Cañon del Piojo upstream 1.2 miles to an unnamed tributary;
- (h) an unnamed tributary from the south fork of Cañon del Piojo upstream 1 mile to the Resurrection mine outfall;
- (i) Arroyo del Puerto from San Mateo creek upstream 6.8 miles to the Ambrosia Lake mine entrance road;
- (j) an unnamed tributary from San Mateo creek upstream 1.5 miles to the Roca Honda mine facility outfall;
- (k) San Isidro arroyo, including unnamed tributaries to San Isidro arroyo, from Arroyo Chico upstream to its headwaters;
- (l) Arroyo Tinaja, including unnamed tributaries to Arroyo Tinaja, from San Isidro arroyo upstream to 2 miles northeast of the Cibola national forest boundary;
- (m) Mulatto canyon from Arroyo Tinaja upstream to 1 mile northeast of the Cibola national forest boundary; and
- (n) Doctor arroyo, including unnamed tributaries to Doctor arroyo, from San Isidro arroyo upstream to its headwaters, and excluding Doctor Spring and Doctor arroyo from the spring to its confluence with the unnamed tributary approximately one-half mile downstream of the spring:

 (o) Tijeras Arroyo, from Rio Grande to Four Hills Bridge.

Pursuant to 20.1.6.200(B) NMAC, the entire rule, including the proposed regulatory change, is attached to this petition as Petitioner's **Exhibit A.** NTESS, in accordance with 20.1.6.200(B) NMAC, petitions the Commission to adopt the amendment to ephemeral waters identified above. The following information is provided in accordance with that provision:

BACKGROUND

a. Relevant Legal Authority

In accordance with federal Clean Water Act ("CWA") regulations, each State is responsible for reviewing, establishing, and revising water quality standards. 40 CFR § 131.4(a). States must specify appropriate water uses to be achieved and protected. 40 CFR § 131.10. A State must conduct a use attainability analysis to designate a use that requires criteria less stringent than previously applicable. 40 CFR § 131.10(j)(2). Under the New Mexico Water Quality Act ("WQA"), NMSA 1978, §§ 74-6-1 to 74-6-17, the Commission is required to adopt water quality standards for surface and ground waters of the State of New Mexico based on "credible scientific data and other evidence," including the designated uses of the waters and "the water quality criteria necessary to protect such uses." NMSA 1978, § 74-6-4(D) (2019).

The Commission "...may remove a designated use, that is not an existing use if a use attainability analysis demonstrates that attaining the use is not feasible because of a factor listed in 40 CFR 131.10(g)." 20.6.4.15(A)(1) NMAC. Any person may submit notice to NMED stating their intent to conduct a use attainability analysis. 20.6.4.15(E) NMAC. That provision sets out the requirements for the process of developing a UAA, obtaining approval and review by NMED and EPA, and identifies minimum work plan elements.

Under the WQA, any person may petition to have the Commission adopt, amend, or repeal a regulation or water quality standard. NMSA 1978, § 74-6-6(B), see also 20.1.6.200 NMAC.

Pursuant to the above authority, this Petition requests that the WQCC amend the water quality standards applicable within 20.6.4.97 NMAC.

STATEMENT OF REASONS

a. Petitioner Obtained Department Approval of the UAA Work Plan, and the UAA Was Conducted According to 40 CFR 131.10(g) and 20.6.4.15 NMAC

The Tijeras Arroyo Rio Grande to Four Hills Bridge was originally assessed by the Department on June 24, 2009. The survey was conducted in accordance with the SWQB Hydrology Protocol, and the Integrated Report indicated that the assessment unit is ephemeral. For those cases in which the results of the Hydrology Protocol survey demonstrate that an unclassified non-perennial waterbody is ephemeral, designated uses that are not existing uses may only be changed if a UAA is conducted according to 40 CFR 131.10(g) and 20.6.4.15 NMAC. When a UAA is conducted by third parties, New Mexico regulations require the development of a work plan, and approval of the work plan by the Department, prior to conducting a UAA. 20.6.4.15(E) NMAC.

Petitioner submitted a draft Work Plan to the Department on June 20, 2017. The Department provided comments to the Work Plan and Petitioner submitted a second version that incorporated the Department's feedback on December 20, 2017. The Department approved the second version of the Work Plan on February 9, 2018. The approved UAA Work Plan identified as the primary focus of the UAA inquiry, the second factor of 40 CFR 131.10(g), whether "natural, ephemeral, intermittent or low flow conditions or water levels prevent the attainment of the use." Petitioner conducted stream channel surveys pursuant to the approved Work Plan using the Department's Hydrology Protocol methods from June 17-28, 2019. The Hydrology Protocol results were included in the first draft UAA report submitted to the Department on June 8, 2020.

After reviewing the first draft report, the Department indicated that Petitioner would have to use the full UAA process and not the expedited Hydrology Protocol process that had been previously approved in Petitioner's work plan. As a result, a second version of the Work Plan was revised and a third version of the Work Plan was submitted to the Department on January 19, 2023, and approved by the Department on March 8, 2023. The changes were solely related to the administrative process and did not change any of the methods or analysis previously done and presented in the report.

The results of the UAA showed that the Rio Grande to Four Hills Bridge reach of Tijeras Arroyo exhibits characteristics of an ephemeral water body. The UAA Report and Findings can be found at <u>UAA Report and Findings</u>. The UAA concluded that the reach is ephemeral because it experiences flow for very brief periods only in response to direct storm runoff and therefore cannot support the beneficial uses associated with intermittent streams. The highest attainable aquatic life and human contact uses were determined to be "limited aquatic life and secondary contact," and the current designated uses of "marginal warmwater aquatic life and primary contact" were determined to be not attainable.

b. Public Notice of the Use Attainability Analysis Was Provided

In accordance with the approved Work Plan, NTESS issued a public notice on February 8, 2025, which announced the beginning of a 60-day comment period. The public notice provided the draft UAA report for public review. NTESS held a public meeting on March 5, 2025, at New Mexico Veterans Memorial to elicit public engagement and feedback on the UAA report.

Petitioner provided multiple methods to submit public comments, including hardcopy or electronic comment(s). The comment period ended at 5:00 p.m. MDT, April 10, 2025, and no

public comments were received. Due to no public comments, the UAA report was not revised. The Public Involvement documents can be found at UAA Public Involvement.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Petitioner requests that the Commission schedule a public hearing on its Petition to Amend 20.6.4.97 NMAC to establish the Tijeras Arroyo, Rio Grande to Four Hills Bridge as an ephemeral water and further requests that the Commission issue the required notices of the hearing. Petitioner anticipates that the Department will not oppose the Petition and, due to the lack of public comments, does not anticipate public opposition to the Petition. Consequently, Petitioner estimates that a hearing on its proposed amendments should take approximately one-half day to complete.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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EXHIBIT A

1 PART 4: STANDARDS FOR INTERSTATE AND INTRASTATE SURFACE WATERS

- **2 20.6.4.1 ISSUING AGENCY:**
- 3 Water Quality Control commission.
- 4 [20.6.4.1 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.1001, 10/12/2000]
- 5 **20.6.4.2 SCOPE:**
- 6 Except as otherwise provided by statute or regulation of the water quality control commission,
- 7 this part governs all surface waters of the state of New Mexico, which are subject to the New
- 8 Mexico Water Quality Act, Sections 74-6-1 through 74-6-17 NMSA 1978.
- 9 [20.6.4.2 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.1002, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005]
- 10 20.6.4.3 STATUTORY AUTHORITY:
- 11 This part is adopted by the water quality control commission pursuant to Subsection C of
- 12 Section 74-6-4 NMSA 1978.
- 13 [20.6.4.3 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.1003, 10/12/2000]
- 14 **20.6.4.4 DURATION:**
- 15 Permanent.
- 16 [20.6.4.4 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.1004, 10/12/2000]
- 17 **20.6.4.5 EFFECTIVE DATE:**
- October 12, 2000, unless a later date is indicated in the history note at the end of a section.
- 19 [20.6.4.5 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.1005, 10/12/2000]
- 20 **20.6.4.6 OBJECTIVE:**
- 21 A. The purpose of this part is to establish water quality standards that consist of the designated
- 22 use or uses of surface waters of the state, the water quality criteria necessary to protect the use or
- 23 uses and an antidegradation policy.
- **B.** The state of New Mexico is required under the New Mexico Water Quality Act (Subsection C
- of Section 74-6-4 NMSA 1978) and the federal Clean Water Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. Section
- 26 1251 et seq.) to adopt water quality standards that protect the public health or welfare, enhance
- 27 the quality of water and are consistent with and serve the purposes of the New Mexico Water
- Quality Act and the federal Clean Water Act. It is the objective of the federal Clean Water Act to
- restore and maintain the chemical, physical and biological integrity of the nation's waters,
- including those in New Mexico. This part is consistent with Section 101(a)(2) of the federal
- 31 Clean Water Act, which declares that it is the national goal that wherever attainable, an interim

- 32 goal of water quality that provides for the protection and propagation of fish, shellfish and
- wildlife and provides for recreation in and on the water be achieved by July 1,
- 34 1983. Agricultural, municipal, domestic and industrial water supply are other essential uses of
- New Mexico's surface water; however, water contaminants resulting from these activities will
- 36 not be permitted to lower the quality of surface waters of the state below that required for
- 37 protection and propagation of fish, shellfish and wildlife and recreation in and on the water,
- 38 where practicable.
- 39 C. Pursuant to Subsection A of Section 74-6-12 NMSA 1978, this part does not grant to the
- 40 water quality control commission or to any other entity the power to take away or modify
- 41 property rights in water.
- **D.** These surface water quality standards serve to respond to the inherent threats of climate
- change and provide resiliency for the continued protection and enhancement of water quality.
- 44 [20.6.4.6 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.1006, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 4/23/2022]
- 45 **20.6.4.7 DEFINITIONS:**
- 46 Terms defined in the New Mexico Water Quality Act, but not defined in this part will have the
- 47 meaning given in the Water Quality Act.
- 48 A. Terms beginning with numerals or the letter "A," and abbreviations for units.
- 49 (1) "4Q3" means the critical low flow as determined by the minimum average flow over four
- 50 consecutive days that occurs with a frequency of once in three years.
- 51 (2) "4T3 temperature" means the temperature not to be exceeded for four or more
- 52 consecutive hours in a 24-hour period on more than three consecutive days.
- 53 (3) "6T3 temperature" means the temperature not to be exceeded for six or more consecutive
- hours in a 24-hour period on more than three consecutive days.
- 55 (4) Abbreviations used to indicate units are defined as follows:
- 56 (a) "cfu/100 mL" means colony-forming units per 100 milliliters; the results for E. coli may be
- 57 reported as either colony forming units (CFU) or the most probable number (MPN), depending
- on the analytical method used;
- (b) "cfs" means cubic feet per second;
- 60 (c) "µg/L" means micrograms per liter, equivalent to parts per billion when the specific gravity
- of the solution equals 1.0;
- 62 (d) " μ S/cm" means microsiemens per centimeter; one μ S/cm is equal to one μ mho/cm;
- 63 (e) "mg/kg" means milligrams per kilogram, equivalent to parts per million;

- 64 (f) "mg/L" means milligrams per liter, equivalent to parts per million when the specific gravity
- of the solution equals 1.0;
- 66 (g) "MPN/100 mL" means most probable number per 100 milliliters; the results for E. coli may
- be reported as either CFU or MPN, depending on the analytical method used;
- 68 (h) "NTU" means nephelometric turbidity unit;
- 69 (i) "pCi/L" means picocuries per liter;
- 70 (j) "pH" means the measure of the acidity or alkalinity and is expressed in standard units (su).
- 71 (5) "Acute toxicity" means toxicity involving a stimulus severe enough to induce a response
- 72 in 96 hours of exposure or less. Acute toxicity is not always measured in terms of lethality, but
- may include other toxic effects that occur within a short time period.
- 74 (6) "Adjusted gross alpha" means the total radioactivity due to alpha particle emission as
- 75 inferred from measurements on a dry sample, including radium-226, but excluding radon-222
- and uranium. Also excluded are source, special nuclear and by-product material as defined by
- 77 the Atomic Energy Act of 1954.
- 78 (7) "Aquatic life" means any plant or animal life that uses surface water as primary habitat
- 79 for at least a portion of its life cycle, but does not include avian or mammalian species.
- 80 (8) "Attainable Use" means a use that is achievable by the imposition of effluent limits
- required under sections 301(b) and 306 of the federal Clean Water Act and implementation of
- 82 cost-effective and reasonable best management practices for nonpoint source control. An
- attainable use may or may not have criteria as stringent as the criteria for the designated use.
- 84 B. Terms beginning with the letter "B".
- 85 (1) "Best management practices" or "BMPs":
- 86 (a) for national pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES) permitting purposes means
- 87 schedules of activities, prohibitions of practices, maintenance procedures and other management
- 88 practices to prevent or reduce the pollution of "waters of the United States;" BMPs also include
- 89 treatment requirements, operating procedures and practices to control plant site runoff, spillage
- 90 or leaks, sludge or waste disposal or drainage from raw material storage; or
- 91 (b) for nonpoint source pollution control purposes means methods, measures or practices
- 92 selected by an agency to meet its nonpoint source control needs; BMPs include but are not
- 93 limited to structural and nonstructural controls and operation and maintenance procedures;
- 94 BMPS can be applied before, during and after pollution-producing activities to reduce or
- eliminate the introduction of pollutants into receiving waters; BMPs for nonpoint source
- 96 pollution control purposes shall not be mandatory except as required by state or federal law.

- 97 (2) "Bioaccumulation" refers to the uptake and retention of a substance by an organism from
- 98 its surrounding medium and food.
- 99 (3) "Bioaccumulation factor" is the ratio of a substance's concentration in tissue versus its
- 100 concentration in ambient water, in situations where the organism and the food chain are exposed.
- 101 (4) "Biomonitoring" means the use of living organisms to test the suitability of effluents for
- discharge into receiving waters or to test the quality of surface waters of the state.
- 103 C. Terms beginning with the letter "C".
- 104 (1) "CAS number" means an assigned number by chemical abstract service (CAS) to identify
- a substance. CAS numbers index information published in chemical abstracts by the American
- 106 chemical society.
- 107 (2) "Chronic toxicity" means toxicity involving a stimulus that lingers or continues for a
- relatively long period relative to the life span of an organism. Chronic effects include, but are
- not limited to, lethality, growth impairment, behavioral modifications, disease and reduced
- 110 reproduction.
- 111 (3) "Classified water of the state" means a surface water of the state, or reach of a surface
- water of the state, for which the commission has adopted a segment description and has
- designated a use or uses and applicable water quality criteria
- in 20.6.4.101 through 20.6.4.899 NMAC.
- 115 (4) "Climate change" refers to any significant change in the measures of climate lasting for
- an extended period of time, typically decades or longer, and includes major changes in
- temperature, precipitation, wind patterns or other weather-related effects.
- 118 (5) "Closed basin" is a basin where topography prevents the surface outflow of water and
- water escapes by evapotranspiration or percolation.
- 120 (6) "Coldwater" in reference to an aquatic life use means a surface water of the state where
- the water temperature and other characteristics are suitable for the support or propagation or both
- 122 of coldwater aquatic life.
- 123 (7) "Coolwater" in reference to an aquatic life use means the water temperature and other
- characteristics are suitable for the support or propagation of aquatic life whose physiological
- tolerances are intermediate between and may overlap those of warm and coldwater aquatic life.
- 126 (8) "Commission" means the New Mexico water quality control commission.
- 127 (9) "Criteria" are elements of state water quality standards, expressed as constituent
- 128 concentrations, levels or narrative statements, representing a quality of water that supports a
- use. When criteria are met, water quality will protect the designated use.
- 130 D. Terms beginning with the letter "D".

- 131 (1) "DDT and derivatives" means 4,4'-DDT (CAS number 50293), 4,4'-DDE (CAS number
- 132 72559) and 4,4'-DDD (CAS number 72548).
- 133 (2) "Department" means the New Mexico environment department.
- 134 (3) "Designated use" means a use specified in 20.6.4.97 through 20.6.4.899 NMAC for a
- surface water of the state whether or not it is being attained.
- 136 (4) "Dissolved" refers to the fraction of a constituent of a water sample that passes through a
- 137 0.45-micrometer pore-size filter. The "dissolved" fraction is also termed "filterable residue."
- 138 (5) "Domestic water supply" means a surface water of the state that could be used for
- drinking or culinary purposes after disinfection.
- 140 E. Terms beginning with the letter "E".
- 141 (1) "E. coli" means the bacteria Escherichia coli.
- 142 (2) "Emerging contaminants" refer to water contaminants that may cause significant
- ecological or human health effects at low concentrations. Emerging contaminants are generally
- 144 chemical compounds recognized as having deleterious effects at environmental concentrations
- whose negative impacts have not been fully quantified and may not have regulatory numeric
- 146 criteria.
- 147 (3) "Ephemeral" when used to describe a surface water of the state means the water body
- 148 contains water briefly only in direct response to precipitation; its bed is always above the water
- table of the adjacent region.
- 150 (4) "Existing use" means a use actually attained in a surface water of the state on or after
- November 28, 1975, whether or not it is a designated use.
- 152 F. Terms beginning with the letter "F".
- 153 (1) "Fish culture" means production of coldwater or warmwater fishes in a hatchery or
- 154 rearing station.
- 155 (2) "Fish early life stages" means the egg and larval stages of development of fish ending
- when the fish has its full complement of fin rays and loses larval characteristics.
- 157 G. Terms beginning with the letter "G". [RESERVED]
- 158 H. Terms beginning with the letter "H".
- 159 (1) "Hardness" means the measure of dissolved calcium and magnesium salts in water
- expressed in units of dissolved calcium carbonate (CaCO3) concentration unless otherwise
- 161 noted.

- 162 (2) "Harmonic mean flow" is the number of daily flow measurements divided by the sum of
- the reciprocals of the flows; that is, it is the reciprocal of the arithmetic mean of reciprocal daily
- 164 flow measurements consistent with the equations in Paragraph (1) of Subsection B
- 165 of 20.6.4.11 NMAC.
- 166 (3) "High quality coldwater" in reference to an aquatic life use means a perennial surface
- water of the state in a minimally disturbed condition with considerable aesthetic value and
- superior coldwater aquatic life habitat. A surface water of the state to be so categorized must
- have water quality, stream bed characteristics and other attributes of habitat sufficient to protect
- and maintain a propagating coldwater aquatic life population.
- 171 (4) "Human health-organism only" means the health of humans who ingest fish or other
- aquatic organisms from waters that contain pollutants.
- 173 I. Terms beginning with the letter "I".
- 174 (1) "Industrial water supply" means the use or storage of water by a facility for process
- operations unless the water is supplied by a public water system. Industrial water supply does not
- include irrigation or other agricultural uses.
- 177 (2) "Intermittent" when used to describe a surface water of the state means the water body
- 178 contains water for extended periods only at certain times of the year, such as when it receives
- seasonal flow from springs or melting snow.
- 180 (3) "Interstate waters" means all surface waters of the state that cross or form a part of the
- 181 border between states.
- 182 (4) "Intrastate waters" means all surface waters of the state that are not interstate waters.
- 183 (5) "Irrigation" means application of water to land areas to supply the water needs of
- beneficial plants.
- 185 (6) "Irrigation storage" means storage of water to supply the needs of beneficial plants.
- 186 J. Terms beginning with the letter "J". [RESERVED]
- 187 K. Terms beginning with the letter "K". [RESERVED]
- 188 L. Terms beginning with the letter "L".
- 189 (1) "LC-50" means the concentration of a substance that is lethal to fifty percent of the test
- organisms within a defined time period. The length of the time period, which may vary from 24
- hours to one week or more, depends on the test method selected to yield the information desired.
- 192 (2) "Limited aquatic life" as a designated use, means the surface water is capable of
- supporting only a limited community of aquatic life. This subcategory includes surface waters
- that support aquatic species selectively adapted to take advantage of naturally occurring rapid

- environmental changes, low-flow, high turbidity, fluctuating temperature, low dissolved oxygen
- 196 content or unique chemical characteristics.
- 197 (3) "Livestock watering" means the use of a surface water of the state as a supply of water for
- 198 consumption by livestock.
- 199 M. Terms beginning with the letter "M".
- 200 (1) "Marginal coldwater" in reference to an aquatic life use means that natural habitat
- 201 conditions severely limit maintenance of a coldwater aquatic life population during at least some
- 202 portion of the year or historical data indicate that the temperature of the surface water of the state
- 203 may exceed that which could continually support aquatic life adapted to coldwater.
- 204 (2) "Marginal warmwater" in reference to an aquatic life use means natural intermittent or
- low flow or other natural habitat conditions severely limit the ability of the surface water of the
- state to sustain a natural aquatic life population on a continuous annual basis; or historical data
- indicate that natural water temperature routinely exceeds 32.2°C (90°F).
- 208 (3) "Maximum temperature" means the instantaneous temperature not to be exceeded at any
- 209 time.
- 210 (4) "Minimum quantification level" means the minimum quantification level for a constituent
- 211 determined by official published documents of the United States environmental protection
- 212 agency.
- 213 N. Terms beginning with the letter "N".
- 214 (1) "Natural background" means that portion of a pollutant load in a surface water resulting
- only from non-anthropogenic sources. Natural background does not include impacts resulting
- 216 from historic or existing human activities.
- 217 (2) "Natural causes" means those causal agents that would affect water quality and the effect
- is not caused by human activity but is due to naturally occurring conditions.
- 219 (3) "Nonpoint source" means any source of pollutants not regulated as a point source that
- degrades the quality or adversely affects the biological, chemical or physical integrity of surface
- waters of the state.
- 222 O. Terms beginning with the letter "O".
- 223 (1) "Organoleptic" means the capability to produce a detectable sensory stimulus such as
- odor or taste.
- 225 (2) "Oversight agency" means a state or federal agency, such as the United States department
- of agriculture forest service, that is responsible for land use or water quality management
- decisions affecting nonpoint source discharges where an outstanding national resource water is
- 228 located.

- 229 P. Terms beginning with the letter "P".
- 230 (1) "Playa" means a shallow closed basin lake typically found in the high plains and deserts.
- 231 (2) "Perennial" when used to describe a surface water of the state means the water body
- 232 typically contains water throughout the year and rarely experiences dry periods.
- 233 (3) "Persistent toxic pollutants" means pollutants, generally organic, that are resistant to
- environmental degradation through chemical, biological and photolytic processes and can
- bioaccumulate in organisms, causing adverse impacts on human health and aquatic life.
- 236 (4) "Point source" means any discernible, confined and discrete conveyance from which
- pollutants are or may be discharged into a surface water of the state, but does not include return
- 238 flows from irrigated agriculture.
- 239 (5) "Practicable" means that which may be done, practiced or accomplished; that which is
- 240 performable, feasible, possible.
- 241 (6) "Primary contact" means any recreational or other water use in which there is prolonged
- and intimate human contact with the water, such as swimming and water skiing, involving
- 243 considerable risk of ingesting water in quantities sufficient to pose a significant health
- hazard. Primary contact also means any use of surface waters of the state for cultural, religious
- or ceremonial purposes in which there is intimate human contact with the water, including but
- 246 not limited to ingestion or immersion, that could pose a significant health hazard.
- 247 (7) "Public water supply" means the use or storage of water to supply a public water system
- as defined by New Mexico's Drinking Water Regulations, 20.7.10 NMAC. Water provided by a
- 249 public water system may need to undergo treatment to achieve drinking water quality.
- 250 Q. Terms beginning with the letter "Q". [RESERVED]
- 251 R. Terms beginning with the letter "R". [RESERVED]
- 252 S. Terms beginning with the letter "S".
- 253 (1) "Secondary contact" means any recreational or other water use in which human contact
- 254 with the water may occur and in which the probability of ingesting appreciable quantities of
- water is minimal, such as fishing, wading, commercial and recreational boating and any limited
- 256 seasonal contact.
- 257 (2) "Segment" means a classified water of the state described
- in <u>20.6.4.101</u> through <u>20.6.4.899</u> NMAC. The water within a segment should have the same
- uses, similar hydrologic characteristics or flow regimes, and natural physical, chemical and
- 260 biological characteristics and exhibit similar reactions to external stresses, such as the discharge
- of pollutants.

- 262 (3) "Specific conductance" is a measure of the ability of a water solution to conduct an
- electrical current.
- 264 (4) "State" means the state of New Mexico.
- 265 (5) "Surface water(s) of the state"
- 266 (a) means all surface waters situated wholly or partly within or bordering upon the state,
- including the following:
- 268 (i) lakes;
- 269 (ii) rivers;
- 270 (iii) streams (including intermittent and ephemeral streams);
- 271 (iv) mudflats;
- 272 (v) sandflats;
- 273 (vi) wetlands;
- 274 (vii) sloughs;
- 275 (viii) prairie potholes;
- 276 (ix) wet meadows;
- 277 (x) playa lakes;
- 278 (xi) reservoirs; and
- 279 (xii) natural ponds.
- 280 (b) also means all tributaries of such waters, including adjacent wetlands, any manmade bodies
- of water that were originally created in surface waters of the state or resulted in the impoundment
- of surface waters of the state, and any "waters of the United States" as defined under the Clean
- 283 Water Act that are not included in the preceding description.
- 284 (c) does not include private waters that do not combine with other surface or subsurface water or
- any water under tribal regulatory jurisdiction pursuant to Section 518 of the Clean Water
- Act. Waste treatment systems, including treatment ponds or lagoons designed and actively used
- to meet requirements of the Clean Water Act (other than cooling ponds as defined in 40 CFR Part
- 288 423.11(m) that also meet the criteria of this definition), are not surface waters of the state, unless
- 289 they were originally created in surface waters of the state or resulted in the impoundment of
- 290 surface waters of the state.
- 291 T. Terms beginning with the letter "T".
- 292 (1) "TDS" means total dissolved solids, also termed "total filterable residue."

- 293 (2) "Toxic pollutant" means those pollutants, or combination of pollutants, including disease-
- 294 causing agents, that after discharge and upon exposure, ingestion, inhalation or assimilation into
- any organism, either directly from the environment or indirectly by ingestion through food
- chains, will cause death, shortened life spans, disease, adverse behavioral changes, reproductive
- or physiological impairment or physical deformations in such organisms or their offspring.
- 298 (3) "Tributary" means a perennial, intermittent or ephemeral waterbody that flows into a
- 299 larger waterbody, and includes a tributary of a tributary.
- 300 (4) "Turbidity" is an expression of the optical property in water that causes incident light to
- 301 be scattered or absorbed rather than transmitted in straight lines.
- 302 U. Terms beginning with the letter "U". [RESERVED]
- 303 (1) "Unclassified waters of the state" means those surface waters of the state not identified
- 304 in 20.6.4.101 through 20.6.4.899 NMAC.
- 305 (2) "Use attainability analysis" means a scientific study conducted for the purpose of
- 306 assessing the factors affecting the attainment of a use.
- 307 V. Terms beginning with the letter "V". [RESERVED]
- 308 W. Terms beginning with the letter "W".
- 309 (1) "Warmwater" with reference to an aquatic life use means that water temperature and other
- 310 characteristics are suitable for the support or propagation or both of warmwater aquatic life.
- 311 (2) "Water contaminant" means any substance that could alter if discharged or spilled the
- 312 physical, chemical, biological or radiological qualities of water. "Water contaminant" does not
- 313 mean source, special nuclear or by-product material as defined by the Atomic Energy Act of
- 314 1954, but may include all other radioactive materials, including but not limited to radium and
- accelerator-produced isotopes.
- 316 (3) "Water pollutant" means a water contaminant in such quantity and of such duration as
- may with reasonable probability injure human health, animal or plant life or property, or to
- 318 unreasonably interfere with the public welfare or the use of property.
- 319 (4) "Wetlands" means those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water
- at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and under normal circumstances do support, a
- 321 prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions in New
- Mexico. Wetlands that are constructed outside of a surface water of the state for the purpose of
- 323 providing wastewater treatment and that do not impound a surface water of the state are not
- 324 included in this definition.

- 325 (5) "Wildlife habitat" means a surface water of the state used by plants and animals not
- 326 considered as pathogens, vectors for pathogens or intermediate hosts for pathogens for humans
- 327 or domesticated livestock and plants.
- 328 X. Terms beginning with the letters "X" through "Z". [RESERVED]
- 329 [20.6.4.7 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.1007, 10/12/2000; A, 7/19/2001; A, 5/23/2005; A,
- 330 7/17/2005; A, 8/1/2007; A, 12/1/2010; A, 1/14/2011; A, 3/2/2017; A, 4/23/2022]
- 331 20.6.4.8 ANTIDEGRADATION POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:
- 332 A. Antidegradation Policy: This antidegradation policy applies to all surface waters of the
- 333 state.
- Existing uses, as defined in Paragraph (4) of Subsection E of 20.6.4.7 NMAC, and the
- level of water quality necessary to protect the existing uses shall be maintained and protected in
- all surface waters of the state.
- 337 (2) Where the quality of a surface water of the state exceeds levels necessary to support the
- propagation of fish, shellfish, and wildlife, and recreation in and on the water, that quality shall
- be maintained and protected unless the commission finds, after full satisfaction of the
- intergovernmental coordination and public participation provisions of the state's continuing
- planning process, that allowing lower water quality is necessary to accommodate important
- economic and social development in the area in which the water is located. In allowing such
- degradation or lower water quality, the state shall assure water quality adequate to protect
- existing uses fully. Further, the state shall assure that there shall be achieved the highest
- statutory and regulatory requirements for all new and existing point sources and all cost-effective
- and reasonable BMPs for nonpoint source control. Additionally, the state shall encourage the use
- of watershed planning as a further means to protect surface waters of the state.
- No degradation shall be allowed in waters designated by the commission as outstanding
- national resource waters (ONRWs), except as provided in Subparagraphs (a) through (e) of this
- paragraph and in Paragraph (4) of this Subsection A.
- 351 (a) After providing a minimum 30-day public review and comment period, the commission
- determines that allowing temporary and short-term degradation of water quality is necessary to
- 353 accommodate public health or safety activities in the area in which the ONRW is
- located. Examples of public health or safety activities include but are not limited to replacement
- or repair of a water or sewer pipeline or a roadway bridge. In making its decision, the
- 356 commission shall consider whether the activity will interfere with activities implemented to
- restore or maintain the chemical, physical or biological integrity of the water. In approving the
- activity, the commission shall require that:
- 359 (i) the degradation shall be limited to the shortest possible time and shall not exceed six
- 360 months;

- 361 (ii) the degradation shall be minimized and controlled by best management practices or in
- accordance with permit requirements as appropriate; all practical means of minimizing the
- duration, magnitude, frequency and cumulative effects of such degradation shall be utilized;
- 364 (iii) the degradation shall not result in water quality lower than necessary to protect any
- and existing use in the ONRW; and
- 366 (iv) the degradation shall not alter the essential character or special use that makes the water
- 367 an ONRW.
- 368 (b) Prior to the commission making a determination, the department or appropriate oversight
- agency shall provide a written recommendation to the commission. If the commission approves
- 370 the activity, the department or appropriate oversight agency shall oversee implementation of the
- 371 activity.
- 372 (c) Where an emergency response action that may result in temporary and short-term
- degradation to an ONRW is necessary to mitigate an immediate threat to public health or safety,
- 374 the emergency response action may proceed prior to providing notification required by
- 375 Subparagraph (a) of this paragraph in accordance with the following:
- only actions that mitigate an immediate threat to public health or safety may be
- undertaken pursuant to this provision; non-emergency portions of the action shall comply with
- 378 the requirements of Subparagraph (a) of this paragraph;
- 379 (ii) the discharger shall make best efforts to comply with requirements (i) through (iv) of
- 380 Subparagraph (a) of this paragraph;
- 381 (iii) the discharger shall notify the department of the emergency response action in writing
- within seven days of initiation of the action;
- 383 (iv) within 30 days of initiation of the emergency response action, the discharger shall
- provide a summary of the action taken, including all actions taken to comply with requirements
- 385 (i) through (iv) of Subparagraph (a) of this paragraph.
- 386 (d) Preexisting land-use activities, including grazing, allowed by federal or state law prior to
- designation as an ONRW, and controlled by best management practices (BMPs), shall be allowed
- 388 to continue so long as there are no new or increased discharges resulting from the activity after
- designation of the ONRW.
- 390 (e) Acequia operation, maintenance, and repairs are not subject to new requirements because of
- 391 ONRW designation. However, the use of BMPs to minimize or eliminate the introduction of
- 392 pollutants into receiving waters is strongly encouraged.
- 393 (4) This antidegradation policy does not prohibit activities that may result in degradation in
- 394 surface waters of the state when such activities will result in restoration or maintenance of the
- 395 chemical, physical or biological integrity of the water.

- 396 (a) For ONRWs, the department or appropriate oversight agency shall review on a case-by-case
- basis discharges that may result in degradation from restoration or maintenance activities, and
- may approve such activities in accordance with the following:
- 399 (i) the degradation shall be limited to the shortest possible time;
- 400 (ii) the degradation shall be minimized and controlled by best management practices or in
- 401 accordance with permit requirements as appropriate, and all practical means of minimizing the
- duration, magnitude, frequency and cumulative effects of such degradation shall be utilized;
- 403 (iii) the degradation shall not result in water quality lower than necessary to protect any
- 404 existing use of the surface water; and
- 405 (iv) the degradation shall not alter the essential character or special use that makes the water
- 406 an ONRW.
- 407 (b) For surface waters of the state other than ONRWs, the department shall review on a case-by-
- 408 case basis discharges that may result in degradation from restoration or maintenance activities,
- and may approve such activities in accordance with the following:
- 410 (i) the degradation shall be limited to the shortest possible time;
- 411 (ii) the degradation shall be minimized and controlled by best management practices or in
- 412 accordance with permit requirements as appropriate, and all practical means of minimizing the
- duration, magnitude, frequency and cumulative effects of such degradation shall be utilized; and
- 414 (iii) the degradation shall not result in water quality lower than necessary to protect any
- 415 existing use of the surface water.
- 416 (5) In those cases where potential water quality impairment associated with a thermal
- discharge is involved, this antidegradation policy and implementing method shall be consistent
- with Section 316 of the federal Clean Water Act.
- 419 (6) In implementing this section, the commission through the appropriate regional offices of
- 420 the United States environmental protection agency will keep the administrator advised and
- provided with such information concerning the surface waters of the state as he or she will need
- 422 to discharge his or her responsibilities under the federal Clean Water Act.
- **B.** Implementation Plan: The department, acting under authority delegated by the
- 424 commission, implements the water quality standards, including the antidegradation policy, by
- describing specific methods and procedures in the continuing planning process and by
- establishing and maintaining controls on the discharge of pollutants to surface waters of the
- state. The steps summarized in the following paragraphs, which may not all be applicable in
- every water pollution control action, list the implementation activities of the department. These
- 429 implementation activities are supplemented by detailed antidegradation review procedures
- developed under the state's continuing planning process. The department:

- 431 (1) obtains information pertinent to the impact of the effluent on the receiving water and
- advises the prospective discharger of requirements for obtaining a permit to discharge;
- 433 (2) reviews the adequacy of existing data and conducts a water quality survey of the
- receiving water in accordance with an annually reviewed, ranked priority list of surface waters of
- 435 the state requiring total maximum daily loads pursuant to Section 303(d) of the federal Clean
- 436 Water Act;
- 437 (3) assesses the probable impact of the effluent on the receiving water relative to its
- 438 attainable or designated uses and numeric and narrative criteria;
- 439 (4) requires the highest and best degree of wastewater treatment practicable and
- commensurate with protecting and maintaining the designated uses and existing water quality of
- surface waters of the state;
- 442 (5) develops water quality based effluent limitations and comments on technology based
- effluent limitations, as appropriate, for inclusion in any federal permit issued to a discharger
- pursuant to Section 402 of the federal Clean Water Act;
- 445 (6) requires that these effluent limitations be included in any such permit as a condition for
- state certification pursuant to Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act;
- 447 (7) coordinates its water pollution control activities with other constituent agencies of the
- commission, and with local, state and federal agencies, as appropriate;
- 449 (8) develops and pursues inspection and enforcement programs to ensure that dischargers
- 450 comply with state regulations and standards, and complements EPA's enforcement of federal
- 451 permits;
- ensures that the provisions for public participation required by the New Mexico Water
- 453 Quality Act and the federal Clean Water Act are followed;
- 454 (10) provides continuing technical training for wastewater treatment facility operators through
- 455 the utility operators training and certification programs;
- 456 (11) provides funds to assist the construction of publicly owned wastewater treatment facilities
- 457 through the wastewater construction program authorized by Section 601 of the federal Clean
- Water Act, and through funds appropriated by the New Mexico legislature;
- 459 (12) conducts water quality surveillance of the surface waters of the state to assess the
- 460 effectiveness of water pollution controls, determines whether water quality standards are being
- attained, and proposes amendments to improve water quality standards;
- 462 (13) encourages, in conjunction with other state agencies, implementation of the best
- 463 management practices set forth in the New Mexico statewide water quality management plan and

- 464 the nonpoint source management program, such implementation shall not be mandatory except
- as provided by federal or state law;
- 466 (14) evaluates the effectiveness of BMPs selected to prevent, reduce or abate sources of water
- 467 pollutants;
- 468 (15) develops procedures for assessing use attainment as required by 20.6.4.15 NMAC and
- 469 establishing site-specific standards; and
- 470 (16) develops list of surface waters of the state not attaining designated uses, pursuant to
- 471 Sections 305(b) and 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act.
- 472 [20.6.4.8] NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.1101, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 8/1/2007; A,
- 473 1/14/2011; A, 4/23/2022]
- 474 **20.6.4.9 OUTSTANDING NATIONAL RESOURCE WATERS:**
- 475 **A. Procedures for nominating an ONRW:** Any person may nominate a surface water of the
- state for designation as an ONRW by filing a petition with the commission pursuant
- 477 to 20.1.6 NMAC, Rulemaking Procedures Water Quality Control Commission. A petition to
- designate a surface water of the state as an ONRW shall include:
- 479 (1) a map of the surface water of the state, including the location and proposed upstream and
- 480 downstream boundaries;
- 481 (2) a written statement and evidence based on scientific principles in support of the
- nomination, including specific reference to one or more of the applicable ONRW criteria listed in
- 483 Subsection B of this section:
- 484 (3) water quality data including chemical, physical or biological parameters, if available, to
- establish a baseline condition for the proposed ONRW;
- 486 (4) a discussion of activities that might contribute to the reduction of water quality in the
- 487 proposed ONRW;
- 488 (5) any additional evidence to substantiate such a designation, including a discussion of the
- economic impact of the designation on the local and regional economy within the state of New
- 490 Mexico and the benefit to the state; and
- 491 (6) affidavit of publication of notice of the petition in a newspaper of general circulation in
- 492 the affected counties and in a newspaper of general statewide circulation.
- **B.** Criteria for ONRWs: A surface water of the state, or a portion of a surface water of the
- state, may be designated as an ONRW where the commission determines that the designation is
- beneficial to the state of New Mexico, and:

- 496 (1) the water is a significant attribute of a state special trout water, national or state park,
- and national or state monument, national or state wildlife refuge or designated wilderness area, or is
- 498 part of a designated wild river under the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act; or
- 499 (2) the water has exceptional recreational or ecological significance; or
- 500 (3) the existing water quality is equal to or better than the numeric criteria for protection of
- aquatic life and contact uses and the human health-organism only criteria, and the water has not
- been significantly modified by human activities in a manner that substantially detracts from its
- value as a natural resource.
- **C.** Pursuant to a petition filed under Subsection A of this section, the commission may classify a
- surface water of the state or a portion of a surface water of the state as an ONRW if the criteria
- set out in Subsection B of this section are met.
- **D.** Waters classified as ONRWs: The following waters are classified as ONRWs:
- 508 (1) Rio Santa Barbara, including the west, middle and east forks from their headwaters
- downstream to the boundary of the Pecos Wilderness; and
- 510 (2) the waters within the United States forest service Valle Vidal special management unit
- 511 including:
- 512 (a) Rio Costilla, including Comanche, La Cueva, Fernandez, Chuckwagon, Little Costilla,
- Powderhouse, Holman, Gold, Grassy, LaBelle and Vidal creeks, from their headwaters
- downstream to the boundary of the United States forest service Valle Vidal special management
- 515 unit;
- 516 (b) Middle Ponil creek, including the waters of Greenwood Canyon, from their headwaters
- downstream to the boundary of the Elliott S. Barker wildlife management area;
- 518 (c) Shuree lakes;
- 519 (d) North Ponil creek, including McCrystal and Seally Canyon creeks, from their headwaters
- downstream to the boundary of the United States forest service Valle Vidal special management
- 521 unit; and
- (e) Leandro creek from its headwaters downstream to the boundary of the United States forest
- 523 service Valle Vidal special management unit.
- 524 (3) the named perennial surface waters of the state, identified in Subparagraph (a) below.
- located within United States department of agriculture forest service wilderness. Wilderness are
- those lands designated by the United States congress as wilderness pursuant to the Wilderness
- Act. Wilderness areas included in this designation are the Aldo Leopold wilderness, Apache Kid
- 528 wilderness, Blue Range wilderness, Chama River Canyon wilderness, Cruces Basin wilderness,

- 529 Dome wilderness, Gila wilderness, Latir Peak wilderness, Pecos wilderness, San Pedro Parks
- wilderness, Wheeler Peak wilderness, and White Mountain wilderness.
- 531 (a) The following waters are designated in the Rio Grande basin:
- 532 (i) in the Aldo Leopold wilderness: Byers Run, Circle Seven creek, Flower canyon, Holden
- Prong, Indian canyon, Las Animas creek, Mud Spring canyon, North Fork Palomas creek, North
- 534 Seco creek, Pretty canyon, Sids Prong, South Animas canyon, Victorio Park canyon, Water
- 535 canyon;
- 536 (ii) in the Apache Kid wilderness Indian creek and Smith canyon;
- 537 (iii) in the Chama River Canyon wilderness: Chavez canyon, Ojitos canyon, Rio Chama;
- 538 (iv) in the Cruces Basin wilderness: Beaver creek, Cruces creek, Diablo creek, Escondido
- 539 creek, Lobo creek, Osha creek;
- 540 (v) in the Dome wilderness: Capulin creek, Medio creek, Sanchez canyon/creek;
- 541 (vi) in the Latir Peak wilderness: Bull creek, Bull Creek lake, Heart lake, Lagunitas Fork,
- Lake Fork creek, Rito del Medio, Rito Primero, West Latir creek;
- 543 (vii) in the Pecos wilderness: Agua Sarca, Hidden lake, Horseshoe lake (Alamitos), Jose Vigil
- lake, Nambe lake, Nat lake IV, No Fish lake, North Fork Rio Quemado, Rinconada, Rio Capulin,
- Rio de las Trampas (Trampas creek), Rio de Truchas, Rio Frijoles, Rio Medio, Rio Molino, Rio
- Nambe, Rio San Leonardo, Rito con Agua, Rito Gallina, Rito Jaroso, Rito Quemado, San
- Leonardo lake, Santa Fe lake, Santa Fe river, Serpent lake, South Fork Rio Quemado, Trampas
- lake (East), Trampas lake (West);
- 549 (viii) in the San Pedro Parks wilderness: Agua Sarca, Cañon Madera, Cave creek, Cecilia
- 550 Canyon creek, Clear creek (North SPP), Clear creek (South SPP), Corralitos creek, Dove creek,
- Jose Miguel creek, La Jara creek, Oso creek, Rio Capulin, Rio de las Vacas, Rio Gallina, Rio
- Puerco de Chama, Rito Anastacio East, Rito Anastacio West, Rito de las Palomas, Rito de las
- Perchas, Rito de los Pinos, Rito de los Utes, Rito Leche, Rito Redondo, Rito Resumidero, San
- 554 Gregorio lake;
- 555 (ix) in the Wheeler Peak wilderness: Black Copper canyon, East Fork Red river, Elk lake,
- 556 Horseshoe lake, Lost lake, Sawmill creek, South Fork lake, South Fork Rio Hondo, Williams
- 557 lake.
- (b) The following waters are designated in the Pecos River basin:
- 559 (i) in the Pecos wilderness: Albright creek, Bear creek, Beatty creek, Beaver creek,
- 560 Carpenter creek, Cascade canyon, Cave creek, El Porvenir creek, Hollinger creek, Holy Ghost
- creek, Horsethief creek, Jack's creek, Jarosa canyon/creek, Johnson lake, Lake Katherine, Lost
- Bear lake, Noisy brook, Panchuela creek, Pecos Baldy lake, Pecos river, Rio Mora, Rio Valdez,

- Rito Azul, Rito de los Chimayosos, Rito de los Esteros, Rito del Oso, Rito del Padre, Rito las
- Trampas, Rito Maestas, Rito Oscuro, Rito Perro, Rito Sebadilloses, South Fork Bear creek,
- South Fork Rito Azul, Spirit lake, Stewart lake, Truchas lake (North), Truchas lake (South),
- 566 Winsor creek;
- 567 (ii) in the White Mountain wilderness: Argentina creek, Aspen creek, Bonito creek, Little
- Bonito creek, Mills canyon/creek, Rodamaker creek, South Fork Rio Bonito, Turkey
- 569 canyon/creek.
- 570 (c) The following waters are designated in the Gila River basin:
- 571 (i) in the Aldo Leopold wilderness: Aspen canyon, Black Canyon creek, Bonner canyon,
- Burnt canyon, Diamond creek, Falls canyon, Fisherman canyon, Running Water canyon, South
- 573 Diamond creek;
- 574 (ii) in the Gila wilderness: Apache creek, Black Canyon creek, Brush canyon, Canyon creek,
- 575 Chicken Coop canyon, Clear creek, Cooper canyon, Cow creek, Cub creek, Diamond creek, East
- Fork Gila river, Gila river, Gilita creek, Indian creek, Iron creek, Langstroth canyon, Lilley
- 577 canyon, Little creek, Little Turkey creek, Lookout canyon, McKenna creek, Middle Fork Gila
- 578 river, Miller Spring canyon, Mogollon creek, Panther canyon, Prior creek, Rain creek, Raw Meat
- 579 creek, Rocky canyon, Sacaton creek, Sapillo creek, Sheep Corral canyon, Skeleton canyon,
- 580 Squaw creek, Sycamore canyon, Trail canyon, Trail creek, Trout creek, Turkey creek, Turkey
- Feather creek, Turnbo canyon, West Fork Gila river, West Fork Mogollon creek, White creek,
- 582 Willow creek, Woodrow canyon.
- 583 (d) The following waters are designated in the Canadian River basin: in the Pecos wilderness
- Daily creek, Johns canyon, Middle Fork Lake of Rio de la Casa, Middle Fork Rio de la Casa,
- North Fork Lake of Rio de la Casa, Rito de Gascon, Rito San Jose, Sapello river, South Fork Rio
- de la Casa, Sparks creek (Manuelitas creek).
- (e) The following waters are designated in the San Francisco River basin:
- 588 (i) in the Blue Range wilderness: Pueblo creek;
- 589 (ii) in the Gila wilderness: Big Dry creek, Lipsey canyon, Little Dry creek, Little Whitewater
- 590 creek, South Fork Whitewater creek, Spider creek, Spruce creek, Whitewater creek.
- 591 (f) The following waters are designated in the Mimbres Closed basin: in the Aldo Leopold
- 592 wilderness Corral canyon, Mimbres river, North Fork Mimbres river, South Fork Mimbres river.
- 593 (g) The following waters are designated in the Tularosa Closed basin: in the White Mountain
- 594 wilderness Indian creek, Nogal Arroyo, Three Rivers.
- 595 (h) The wetlands designated are identified on the Maps and List of Wetlands Within United States
- 596 Forest Service Wilderness Areas Designated as Outstanding National Resource Waters published
- at the New Mexico state library and available on the department's website.

- 598 (4) The following waters are designated in the headwaters Pecos river watershed:
- 599 (a) The Pecos river from Dalton Canyon creek to the Pecos wilderness boundary;
- 600 (b) In the Dry Gulch-Pecos river subwatershed, Dalton Canyon creek from the Pecos river
- on upstream to the headwaters, Wild Horse creek from Dalton Canyon creek upstream to the
- headwaters, Macho Canyon creek from the Pecos river upstream to the headwaters and Sawyer
- creek from the Pecos river upstream to the headwaters;
- 604 (c) In the Indian creek-Pecos river subwatershed, Indian creek from the Pecos river upstream to
- the headwaters, Holy Ghost creek from the Pecos river upstream to the Pecos wilderness
- boundary, Doctor creek from Holy Ghost creek upstream to the headwaters, Davis creek from the
- Pecos river upstream to the headwaters and Willow creek from the Pecos river upstream to the
- 608 headwaters;
- 609 (d) In the Rio Mora subwatershed, Rio Mora from the Pecos river upstream to the Pecos
- wilderness boundary and Bear creek from the Rio Mora upstream to the Pecos wilderness
- 611 boundary;
- 612 (e) In the Rio Mora-Pecos river subwatershed, Carpenter creek from the Pecos river upstream to
- 613 the Pecos wilderness boundary, Winsor creek from the Pecos river upstream to the Pecos
- wilderness boundary and Jack's creek from the Pecos river upstream to the Pecos wilderness
- 615 boundary; and
- 616 (f) In the Panchuela creek subwatershed, Panchuela creek from the Pecos river upstream to the
- Pecos wilderness boundary;
- 618 (g) Unnamed tributaries to waters in Subparagraphs (a) through (f), Paragraph (4) of this
- 619 Subsection (D) as identified in the Maps and Lists for Unnamed Tributaries to Perennial Waters
- and Wetlands in the Headwaters Pecos River Watershed, published at the New Mexico state
- 621 library and available on the department's website;
- 622 (h) Unnamed wetlands adjacent to waters in Subparagraphs (a) through (f), Paragraph (4) of this
- 623 Subsection (D) as identified in the Maps and Lists for Unnamed Tributaries to Perennial Waters
- and Wetlands in the Headwaters Pecos River Watershed, published at the New Mexico state
- 625 library and available on the department's website.
- 626 (5) the Rio Grande from directly above the Rio Pueblo de Taos to the New Mexico-Colorado
- state border.
- 628 (6) The Rio Hondo from the Carson National Forest boundary to its headwaters; and Lake
- Fork creek from the Rio Hondo to its headwaters.
- 630 (7) The East Fork Jemez river from San Antonio creek to its headwaters; San Antonio creek
- from the East Fork Jemez river to its headwaters; and Redondo creek from Sulphur creek to its
- 632 headwaters.

- 633 (8) The following waters located within a national or state park, national or state monument,
- or national or state wildlife refuge:
- 635 (a) in the Valles Caldera national preserve: La Jara creek, Sulphur creek, San Luis creek,
- 636 Jaramillo creek, and Rito de los Indios;
- (b) in the Bandelier national monument: Rito de los Frijoles, Lummis canyon, Alamo canyon,
- 638 Capulin creek, and Medio creek;
- 639 (c) in the Cimarron canyon state park: Cimarron river;
- 640 (d) in the Pecos national historical park: Pecos river;
- (e) in the Rio Grande del Norte national monument: Rio San Antonio.
- 642 (9) The following waters located within a designated wilderness area: in the Columbine –
- Hondo wilderness areas: Columbine creek, Deer creek, Placer fork, Willow fork, Goose creek,
- Bear creek, Long canyon, Gavilan canyon, Italianos creek, Yerba creek, Manzanita creek,
- Gallina creek, Lobo creek, San Cristobal creek, and Lama canyon.
- 646 (10) The following wild rivers as designated by the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act:
- 647 (a) Rio Chama from the US forest service boundary to confluence with the Rio Nutrias;
- (b) Red River from the confluence with the Rio Grande to four miles upstream.
- 649 (11) The following state special trout waters not already included in Paragraphs 8 through 10
- of this Subsection:
- (a) in the Edward Sargent wildlife management area: Rio Chamita, Nabor creek, Sixto creek, and
- 652 Rio Chama:
- (b) Rio Chama from Heron Reservoir outlet to Cottonwood flats;
- 654 (c) Rio de los Pinos from United States forest service road 87A to private land 2.5 miles
- 655 upstream, Tanques creek, Canada Tio Grande;
- 656 (d) Cabresto creek from United States forest service boundary to headwaters, Frijoles creek,
- Palociento creek, and West Fork Luna creek;
- (e) Rio Cebolla from Seven Springs day use area to its headwaters, Rio Gaudalupe from the
- confluence with Deer creek upstream to confluence with Stable creek;
- 660 (f) Capulin creek from the Dome wilderness boundary to headwaters.
- 661 [20.6.4.9 NMAC Rn, Subsections B, C and D of 20.6.4.8 NMAC, 5/23/2005; A, 5/23/2005; A,
- 662 7/17/2005; A, 2/16/2006; A, 12/1/2010; A, 1/14/2011; A, 4/23/2022; A, 9/24/2022; A, 3/15/2025]
- 663 20.6.4.10 REVIEW OF STANDARDS; NEED FOR ADDITIONAL STUDIES:

- **A.** Section 303(c)(1) of the federal Clean Water Act requires that the state hold public hearings
- at least once every three years for the purpose of reviewing water quality standards and
- proposing, as appropriate, necessary revisions to water quality standards.
- **B.** In accordance with 40 CFR 131.10(i), when an existing use, as defined
- under 20.6.4.7 NMAC, is higher quality water than prescribed by the designated use and
- supporting evidence demonstrates the presence of that use, the designated use shall be amended
- accordingly to have criteria no less stringent than the existing use.
- 671 C. It is recognized that, in some cases, numeric criteria for a particular designated use may not
- adequately reflect the local conditions or the aquatic communities adapted to those localized
- 673 conditions. In these cases, a water quality criterion may be modified to reflect the natural
- 674 condition of a specific waterbody. The modification of the criterion does not change the
- designated use; the modification only changes the criterion for that specific waterbody. When
- 676 justified by sufficient data and information, a numeric water quality criterion may be adopted or
- modified in accordance with Subsection F of 20.6.4.10 and Subsection G of 20.6.4.10 NMAC, to
- 678 protect the attainable uses of the waterbody.
- **D.** The removal or amendment of a designated use to a designated use with less stringent criteria
- can only be done through a use attainability analysis in accordance with <u>20.6.4.15</u> NMAC.
- **E.** It is also recognized that contributions of water contaminants by diffuse nonpoint sources of
- water pollution may make attainment of certain criteria difficult. Revision of these criteria may
- be necessary as new information is obtained on nonpoint sources and other problems unique to
- 684 semi-arid regions.
- 685 **F.** Site-specific criteria.
- 686 (1) The commission may adopt site-specific numeric criteria applicable to all or part of a
- surface water of the state based on relevant site-specific conditions such as:
- (a) actual species at a site are more or less sensitive than those used in the national criteria data
- 689 set;
- 690 (b) physical or chemical characteristics at a site such as pH or hardness alter the biological
- availability and/or toxicity of the chemical;
- 692 (c) physical, biological or chemical factors alter the bioaccumulation potential of a chemical;
- 693 (d) the concentration resulting from natural background exceeds numeric criteria for aquatic life,
- wildlife habitat or other uses if consistent with Subsection G of 20.6.4.10 NMAC; or
- 695 (e) other factors or combination of factors that upon review of the commission may warrant
- 696 modification of the default criteria, subject to EPA review and approval.

- 697 (2) Site-specific criteria must fully protect the designated use to which they apply. In the
- 698 case of human health-organism only criteria, site-specific criteria must fully protect human
- health when organisms are consumed from waters containing pollutants.
- 700 (3) Any person may petition the commission to adopt site-specific criteria. A petition for the
- adoption of site-specific criteria shall:
- 702 (a) identify the specific waters to which the site-specific criteria would apply;
- 703 (b) explain the rationale for proposing the site-specific criteria;
- 704 (c) describe the methods used to notify and solicit input from potential stakeholders and from
- 705 the general public in the affected area, and present and respond to the public input received;
- 706 (d) present and justify the derivation of the proposed criteria.
- 707 (4) A derivation of site-specific criteria shall rely on a scientifically defensible method, such
- as one of the following:
- 709 (a) the recalculation procedure, the water-effect ratio for metals procedure or the resident species
- procedure as described in the water quality standards handbook (EPA-823-B-94-005a, 2nd
- 711 edition, August 1994);
- 712 (b) the streamlined water-effect ratio procedure for discharges of copper (EPA-822-R-01-005,
- 713 March 2001);
- 714 (c) the biotic ligand model as described in aquatic life ambient freshwater quality criteria -
- 715 copper (EPA-822-R-07-001, February 2007);
- 716 (d) the methodology for deriving ambient water quality criteria for the protection of human
- health (EPA-822-B-00-004, October 2000) and associated technical support documents; or
- 718 (e) a determination of the natural background of the water body as described in Subsection G
- 719 of 20.6.4.10 NMAC.
- 720 G. Site-specific criteria based on natural background. The commission may adopt site-specific
- 721 criteria equal to the concentration resulting from natural background where that concentration
- 722 protects the designated use. The concentration resulting from natural background supports the
- 723 level of aquatic life and wildlife habitat expected to occur naturally at the site absent any
- 724 interference by humans. Domestic water supply, primary or secondary contact, or human health-
- organism only criteria shall not be modified based on natural background. A determination of
- 726 natural background shall:
- 727 (1) consider natural spatial and seasonal to interannual variability as appropriate;
- 728 (2) document the presence of natural sources of the pollutant;

- 729 (3) document the absence of human sources of the pollutant or quantify the human
- 730 contribution; and
- 731 (4) rely on analytical, statistical or modeling methodologies to quantify the natural
- 732 background.
- **H.** Temporary standards.
- 734 (1) Any person may petition the commission to adopt a temporary standard applicable to all
- or part of a surface water of the state as provided for in this section and applicable sections in 40
- 736 CFR Part 131, Water Quality Standards; specifically, Section 131.14. The commission may
- adopt a proposed temporary standard if the petitioner demonstrates that:
- 738 (a) attainment of the associated designated use may not be feasible in the short term due to one or
- more of the factors listed in 40 CFR 131.10(g), or due to the implementation of actions necessary
- 740 to facilitate restoration such as through dam removal or other significant wetland or water body
- reconfiguration activities as demonstrated by the petition and supporting work plan requirements
- in Paragraphs (4) and (5) of Subsection H of 20.6.4.10 NMAC;
- 743 (b) the proposed temporary standard represents the highest degree of protection feasible in the
- short term, limits the degradation of water quality to the minimum necessary to achieve the
- original standard by the expiration date of the temporary standard, and adoption will not cause
- 746 the further impairment or loss of an existing use;
- 747 (c) for point sources, existing or proposed discharge control technologies will comply with
- applicable technology-based limitations and feasible technological controls and other
- management alternatives, such as a pollution prevention program; and
- 750 (d) for restoration activities, nonpoint source or other control technologies shall limit
- downstream impacts, and if applicable, existing or proposed discharge control technologies shall
- be in place consistent with Subparagraph (c) of Paragraph (1) of Subsection H
- 753 of 20.6.4.10 NMAC.
- 754 (2) A temporary standard shall apply to specific designated use(s), pollutant(s), or
- permittee(s), and to specific water body segment(s). The adoption of a temporary standard does
- not exempt dischargers from complying with all other applicable water quality standards or
- 757 control technologies.
- 758 (3) Designated use attainment as reported in the federal Clean Water Act, Section
- 759 305(b)/303(d) Integrated Report shall be based on the original standard and not on a temporary
- 760 standard.
- 761 (4) A petition for a temporary standard shall:

- 762 (a) identify the currently applicable standard(s), the proposed temporary standard for the specific
- pollutant(s), the permittee(s), and the specific surface water body segment(s) of the state to
- which the temporary standard would apply;
- 765 (b) include the basis for any factor(s) specific to the applicability of the temporary standard (for
- example critical flow under Subsection B of 20.6.4.11 NMAC);
- 767 (c) demonstrate that the proposed temporary standard meets the requirements in this subsection;
- 768 (d) present a work plan with timetable of proposed actions for achieving compliance with the
- original standard in accordance with Paragraph (5) of Subsection H of 20.6.4.10 NMAC;
- (e) include any other information necessary to support the petition.
- 771 (5) As a condition of a petition for a temporary standard, in addition to meeting the
- requirements in this Subsection, the petitioner shall prepare a work plan in accordance with
- Paragraph (4) of Subsection H of 20.6.4.10 NMAC and submit the work plan to the department
- for review and comment. The work plan shall identify the factor(s) listed in 40 CFR 131.10(g)
- or Subparagraph (a) of Paragraph (1) of Subsection H of 20.6.4.10 NMAC affecting attainment
- of the standard that will be analyzed and the timeline for proposed actions to be taken to achieve
- the uses attainable over the term of the temporary standard, including baseline water quality, and
- any investigations, projects, facility modifications, monitoring, or other measures necessary to
- achieve compliance with the original standard. The work plan shall include provisions for
- review of progress in accordance with Paragraph (8) of Subsection H of 20.6.4.10 NMAC, public
- 781 notice and consultation with appropriate state, tribal, local and federal agencies.
- 782 (6) The commission may condition the approval of a temporary standard by requiring
- additional monitoring, relevant analyses, the completion of specified projects, submittal of
- 784 information, or any other actions.
- 785 (7) Temporary standards may be implemented only after a public hearing before the
- commission, commission approval and adoption pursuant to Subsection H of 20.6.4.10 NMAC
- for all state purposes, and the federal Clean Water Act Section 303 (c) approval for any federal
- 788 action.
- 789 (8) All temporary standards are subject to a required review during each succeeding review
- of water quality standards conducted in accordance with Subsection A of 20.6.4.10 NMAC. The
- 791 petitioner shall provide a written report to the commission documenting the progress of proposed
- 792 actions, pursuant to a reporting schedule stipulated in the approved temporary standard. The
- 793 purpose of the review is to determine progress consistent with the original conditions of the
- 794 petition for the duration of the temporary standard. If the petitioner cannot demonstrate that
- sufficient progress has been made the commission may revoke approval of the temporary
- standard or provide additional conditions to the approval of the temporary standard.

- 797 (9) The commission may consider a petition to extend a temporary standard. The effective
- 798 period of a temporary standard shall be extended only if demonstrated to the commission that the
- factors precluding attainment of the underlying standard still apply, that the petitioner is meeting
- the conditions required for approval of the temporary standard, and that reasonable progress
- towards meeting the underlying standard is being achieved.
- 802 (10) A temporary standard shall expire no later than the date specified in the approval of the
- 803 temporary standard. Upon expiration of a temporary standard, the original standard becomes
- applicable.
- 805 (11) Temporary standards shall be identified in 20.6.4.97-899 NMAC as appropriate for the
- 806 surface water affected.
- 807 (12) "Temporary standard" means a time-limited designated use and criterion for a specific
- pollutant(s) or water quality parameter(s) that reflect the highest attainable condition during the
- 809 term of the temporary standard.
- 810 [20.6.4.10 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.1102, 10/12/2000; Rn, 20.6.4.9 NMAC, 5/23/2005; A,
- 811 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A, 3/2/2017; A, 4/23/2022]
- 812 **20.6.4.11 APPLICABILITY OF WATER QUALITY STANDARDS:**
- 813 **A.** [RESERVED]
- **B.** Critical low flow: The critical low flow of a stream at a particular site shall be used in
- 815 developing point source discharge permit requirements to meet numeric criteria set
- 816 in 20.6.4.97 through 20.6.4.900 NMAC and Subsection F of 20.6.4.13 NMAC.
- 817 (1) For human health-organism only criteria, the critical low flow is the harmonic mean
- 818 flow. For ephemeral waters the calculation shall be based upon the nonzero flow intervals and
- modified by including a factor to adjust for the proportion of intervals with zero flow. The
- 820 equations are as follows:

Harmonic Mean
$$= \underline{n}$$

$$\sum 1/Q$$

where n = number of flow values

and Q = flow value

Modified Harmonic Mean =

where Qi = nonzero flow

Nt = total number of flow values

and N_0 = number of zero flow values

- 821 (2) For all other narrative and numeric criteria, the critical low flow is the minimum average
- four consecutive day flow that occurs with a frequency of once in three years (4Q3). The
- 823 critical low flow may be determined on an annual, a seasonal or a monthly basis, as appropriate,
- after due consideration of site-specific conditions.
- 825 C. Guaranteed minimum flow: The commission may allow the use of a contractually
- guaranteed minimum streamflow in lieu of a critical low flow determined under Subsection B of
- 827 this section on a case-by-case basis and upon consultation with the interstate stream
- 828 commission. Should drought, litigation or any other reason interrupt or interfere with minimum
- 829 flows under a guaranteed minimum flow contract for a period of at least 30 consecutive days,
- 830 such permission, at the sole discretion of the commission, may then be revoked. Any minimum
- flow specified under such revoked permission shall be superseded by a critical low flow
- determined under Subsection B of this section. A public notice of the request for a guaranteed
- minimum flow shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation by the department at
- least 30 days prior to scheduled action by the commission. These water quality standards do not
- grant to the commission or any other entity the power to create, take away or modify property
- 836 rights in water.
- **D.** Mixing zones: A limited mixing zone, contiguous to a point source wastewater discharge,
- may be allowed in any stream receiving such a discharge. Mixing zones serve as regions of
- initial dilution that allow the application of a dilution factor in calculations of effluent
- limitations. Effluent limitations shall be developed that will protect the most sensitive existing,
- designated or attainable use of the receiving water.
- **E.** Mixing zone limitations: Wastewater mixing zones, in which the numeric criteria set under
- 843 Subsection F of <u>20.6.4.13</u> NMAC, <u>20.6.4.97</u> through <u>20.6.4.899</u> NMAC or <u>20.6.4.900</u> NMAC
- may be exceeded, shall be subject to the following limitations:
- 845 (1) Mixing zones are not allowed for discharges to lakes, reservoirs, or playas; these effluents
- shall meet all applicable criteria set under Subsection F
- 847 of <u>20.6.4.13</u> NMAC, <u>20.6.4.97</u> through <u>20.6.4.899</u> NMAC and <u>20.6.4.900</u> NMAC at the point of
- 848 discharge.
- 849 (2) The acute aquatic life criteria, as set out in Subsection I, Subsection J, and Subsection K
- of 20.6.4.900 NMAC, shall be attained at the point of discharge for any discharge to a surface
- water of the state with a designated aquatic life use.
- The general criteria set out in Subsections A, B, C, D, E, G, H and J of 20.6.4.13 NMAC,
- and the provision set out in Subsection D of 20.6.4.14 NMAC are applicable within mixing
- 854 zones.
- 855 (4) The areal extent and concentration isopleths of a particular mixing zone will depend on
- site-specific conditions including, but not limited to, wastewater flow, receiving water critical
- low flow, outfall design, channel characteristics and climatic conditions and, if needed, shall be

- determined on a case-by-case basis. When the physical boundaries or other characteristics of a
- particular mixing zone must be known, the methods presented in Section 4.4.5, "Ambient-
- induced mixing," in "Technical support document for water quality-based toxics control" (March
- 861 1991, EPA/505/2-90-001) shall be used.
- 862 (5) All applicable water quality criteria set under Subsection F
- of 20.6.4.13 NMAC, 20.6.4.97 through 20.6.4.899 NMAC and 20.6.4.900 NMAC shall be
- attained at the boundaries of mixing zones. A continuous zone of passage through or around the
- mixing zone shall be maintained in which the water quality meets all applicable criteria and
- allows the migration of aquatic life presently common in surface waters of the state with no
- effect on their populations.
- 868 **F.** Multiple uses: When a surface water of the state has more than a single designated use, the
- applicable numeric criteria shall be the most stringent of those established for such water.
- **G.** Human health-organism only criteria in Subsection J of 20.6.4.900 NMAC apply to those
- waters with a designated, existing or attainable aquatic life use. When limited aquatic life is a
- designated use, the human health-organism only criteria apply only if adopted on a segment-
- 873 specific basis. The human health-organism only criteria for persistent toxic pollutants, as
- identified in Subsection J of 20.6.4.900 NMAC, also apply to all tributaries of waters with a
- designated, existing or attainable aquatic life use.
- **H.** Unclassified waters of the state: An unclassified surface water of the state is presumed to
- support the uses specified in Section 101(a)(2) of the federal Clean Water Act. As such, it is
- subject to 20.6.4.98 NMAC if nonperennial or subject to 20.6.4.99 NMAC if perennial. The
- 879 commission may include an ephemeral unclassified surface water of the state
- under 20.6.4.97 NMAC only if a use attainability analysis demonstrates pursuant
- to 20.6.4.15 NMAC that attainment of Section 101(a)(2) uses is not feasible.
- 882 I. Exceptions: Numeric criteria for temperature, dissolved solids, dissolved oxygen, sediment
- or turbidity adopted under the Water Quality Act do not apply when changes in temperature,
- dissolved solids, dissolved oxygen, sediment or turbidity in a surface water of the state are
- 885 attributable to:
- 886 (1) natural causes (discharges from municipal separate storm sewers are not covered by this
- 887 exception.); or
- the reasonable operation of irrigation and flood control facilities that are not subject to
- federal or state water pollution control permitting; major reconstruction of storage dams or
- 890 diversion dams except for emergency actions necessary to protect health and safety of the public
- are not covered by this exception.
- 892 [20.6.4.11] NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.1103, 10/12/2000; A, 10/11/2002; Rn, 20.6.4.10] NMAC,
- 893 5/23/2005; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A, 4/23/2022]

894 **20.6.4.12 COMPLIANCE WITH WATER QUALITY STANDARDS:**

- The following provisions apply to determining compliance for enforcement purposes; they do
- 896 not apply for purposes of determining attainment of uses. The department has developed
- assessment protocols for the purpose of determining attainment of uses that are available for
- 898 review from the department's surface water quality bureau.
- **A.** Compliance with acute water quality criteria shall be determined from the analytical results
- 900 of a single grab sample. Acute criteria shall not be exceeded.
- **B.** Compliance with chronic water quality criteria shall be determined from the arithmetic mean
- 902 of the analytical results of samples collected using applicable protocols. Chronic criteria shall
- not be exceeded more than once every three years.
- 904 C. Compliance with water quality standards for total ammonia shall be determined by
- performing the biomonitoring procedures set out in Subsections D and E of 20.6.4.14 NMAC, or
- by attainment of applicable ammonia criteria set out in Subsections K, L and M
- 907 of 20.6.4.900 NMAC.
- 908 **D.** Compliance with the human health-organism only criteria shall be determined from the
- analytical results of representative grab samples, as defined in the water quality management
- 910 plan. Human health-organism only criteria shall not be exceeded.
- 911 E. The commission may establish a numeric water quality criterion at a concentration that is
- below the minimum quantification level. In such cases, the water quality standard is enforceable
- 913 at the minimum quantification level.
- 914 F. For compliance with hardness-dependent numeric criteria, hardness (as mg CaCO3/L) shall
- be determined from a sample taken at the same time that the sample for the contaminant is taken.
- 916 **G.** Compliance schedules: The commission may allow the inclusion of a schedule of
- ompliance in a NPDES permit issued to an existing facility on a case-by-case basis. Such
- schedule of compliance will be for the purpose of providing a permittee with adequate time to
- 919 make treatment facility modifications necessary to comply with water quality based permit
- 920 limitations determined to be necessary to implement new or revised water quality standards or
- 921 wasteload allocation. Compliance schedules may be included in NPDES permits at the time of
- 922 permit renewal or modification and shall be written to require compliance at the earliest
- 923 practicable time. Compliance schedules shall also specify milestone dates so as to measure
- 924 progress towards final project completion (e.g., design completion, construction start,
- 925 construction completion, date of compliance).
- 926 **H.** It is a policy of the commission to allow a temporary standard approved and adopted
- 927 pursuant to Subsection H of 20.6.4.10 NMAC to be included in the applicable federal Clean
- Water Act permit as enforceable limits and conditions. The temporary standard and any schedule

- of actions may be included at the earliest practicable time, and shall specify milestone dates so as
- 930 to measure progress towards meeting the original standard.
- 931 [20.6.4.12] NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.1104, 10/12/2000; A, 10/11/2002; Rn, 20.6.4.11] NMAC,
- 932 5/23/2005; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A, 3/2/2017; A, 4/23/2022]
- 933 **20.6.4.13 GENERAL CRITERIA:**
- 934 General criteria are established to sustain and protect existing or attainable uses of surface waters
- of the state. These general criteria apply to all surface waters of the state at all times, unless a
- 936 specified criterion is provided elsewhere in this part. Surface waters of the state shall be free of
- any water contaminant in such quantity and of such duration as may with reasonable probability
- 938 injure human health, animal or plant life or property, or unreasonably interfere with the public
- 939 welfare or the use of property.
- **A.** Bottom deposits and suspended or settleable solids:
- 941 (1) Surface waters of the state shall be free of water contaminants including fine sediment
- particles (less than two millimeters in diameter), precipitates or organic or inorganic solids from
- other than natural causes that have settled to form layers on or fill the interstices of the natural or
- dominant substrate in quantities that damage or impair the normal growth, function or
- 945 reproduction of aquatic life or significantly alter the physical or chemical properties of the
- 946 bottom.
- 947 (2) Suspended or settleable solids from other than natural causes shall not be present in
- 948 surface waters of the state in quantities that damage or impair the normal growth, function or
- 949 reproduction of aquatic life or adversely affect other designated uses.
- **B.** Floating solids, oil and grease: Surface waters of the state shall be free of oils, scum, grease
- and other floating materials resulting from other than natural causes that would cause the
- 952 formation of a visible sheen or visible deposits on the bottom or shoreline, or would damage or
- 953 impair the normal growth, function or reproduction of human, animal, plant or aquatic life.
- 954 C. Color: Color-producing materials resulting from other than natural causes shall not create an
- aesthetically undesirable condition nor shall color impair the use of the water by desirable
- aguatic life presently common in surface waters of the state.
- **D.** Organoleptic quality:
- 958 (1) Flavor of fish: Water contaminants from other than natural causes shall be limited to
- 959 concentrations that will not impart unpalatable flavor to fish.
- 960 (2) Odor and taste of water: Water contaminants from other than natural causes shall be
- limited to concentrations that will not result in offensive odor or taste arising in a surface water
- of the state or otherwise interfere with the reasonable use of the water.

- 963 E. Plant nutrients: Plant nutrients from other than natural causes shall not be present in
- oncentrations that will produce undesirable aquatic life or result in a dominance of nuisance
- species in surface waters of the state.
- 966 **F.** Toxic pollutants:
- 967 (1) Except as provided in 20.6.4.16 NMAC, surface waters of the state shall be free of toxic
- 968 pollutants from other than natural causes in amounts, duration, concentrations, or combinations
- that affect the propagation of fish or that are toxic to humans, livestock or other animals, fish or
- 970 other aquatic organisms, wildlife using aquatic environments for habitation or aquatic organisms
- 971 for food, or that will or can reasonably be expected to bioaccumulate in tissues of fish, shellfish
- and other aquatic organisms to levels that will impair the health of aquatic organisms or wildlife
- 973 or result in unacceptable tastes, odors or health risks to human consumers of aquatic organisms.
- 974 (2) Pursuant to this section, the human health-organism only criteria shall be as set out
- 975 in 20.6.4.900 NMAC. When a human health-organism only criterion is not listed
- 976 in 20.6.4.900 NMAC, the following provisions shall be applied in accordance with
- 977 20.6.4.11, 20.6.4.12 and 20.6.4.14 NMAC.
- 978 (a) The human health-organism only criterion shall be the recommended human health criterion
- 979 for "consumption of organisms only" published by the U.S. environmental protection agency
- 980 pursuant to Section 304(a) of the federal Clean Water Act. In determining such criterion for a
- 981 cancer-causing toxic pollutant, a cancer risk of 10-5 (one cancer per 100,000 exposed persons)
- 982 shall be used.
- 983 (b) When a numeric criterion for the protection of human health for the consumption of organism
- only has not been published by the U.S. environmental protection agency, a quantifiable criterion
- 985 may be derived from data available in the U.S. environmental protection agency's Integrated
- 986 Risk Information System (IRIS) using the appropriate formula specified in *Methodology for*
- 987 Deriving Ambient Water Quality Criteria for The Protection Of Human Health (2000), EPA-822-
- 988 B-00-004.
- 989 (3) Pursuant to this section, the chronic aquatic life criteria shall be as set out
- 990 in 20.6.4.900 NMAC. When a chronic aquatic life criterion is not listed in 20.6.4.900 NMAC,
- 991 the following provisions shall be applied in sequential order in accordance with
- 992 20.6.4.11, 20.6.4.12 and 20.6.4.14 NMAC.
- 993 (a) The chronic aquatic life criterion shall be the "freshwater criterion continuous concentration"
- published by the U.S. environmental protection agency pursuant to Section 304(a) of the federal
- 995 Clean Water Act;
- 996 (b) If the U.S. environmental protection agency has not published a chronic aquatic life criterion,
- a geometric mean LC-50 value shall be calculated for the particular species, genus or group that

- 998 is representative of the form of life to be preserved, using the results of toxicological studies
- 999 published in scientific journals.
- 1000 (i) The chronic aquatic life criterion for a toxic pollutant that does not bioaccumulate shall
- be ten percent of the calculated geometric mean LC-50 value; and
- 1002 (ii) The chronic aquatic life criterion for a toxic pollutant that does bioaccumulate shall be:
- the calculated geometric mean LC-50 adjusted by a bioaccumulation factor for the particular
- species, genus or group representative of the form of life to be preserved, but when such
- bioaccumulation factor has not been published, the criterion shall be one percent of the
- 1006 calculated geometric mean LC-50 value.
- 1007 (4) Pursuant to this section, the acute aquatic life criteria shall be as set out
- in $\underline{20.6.4.900}$ NMAC. When an acute aquatic life criterion is not listed in $\underline{20.6.4.900}$ NMAC, the
- 1009 acute aquatic life criterion shall be the "freshwater criterion maximum concentration" published
- by the U.S. environmental protection agency pursuant to Section 304(a) of the federal Clean
- 1011 Water Act.
- 1012 (5) Within 90 days of the issuance of a final NPDES permit containing a numeric criterion
- selected or calculated pursuant to Paragraph (2), Paragraph (3) or Paragraph (4) of Subsection F
- of this section, the department shall petition the commission to adopt such criterion into these
- 1015 standards.
- 1016 G. Radioactivity: The radioactivity of surface waters of the state shall be maintained at the
- 1017 lowest practical level and shall in no case exceed the criteria set forth in the New Mexico
- 1018 Radiation Protection Regulations, 20.3.1 and 20.3.4 NMAC.
- 1019 **H.** Pathogens: Surface waters of the state shall be free of pathogens from other than natural
- 1020 causes in sufficient quantity to impair public health or the designated, existing or attainable uses
- of a surface water of the state.
- 1022 I. Temperature: Maximum temperatures for surface waters of the state have been specified
- in 20.6.4.97 through 20.6.4.900 NMAC. However, the introduction of heat by other than natural
- 1024 causes shall not increase the temperature, as measured from above the point of introduction, by
- more than 2.7°C (5°F) in a stream, or more than 1.7°C (3°F) in a lake or reservoir. In no case
- will the introduction of heat be permitted when the maximum temperature specified for the reach
- would thereby be exceeded. These temperature criteria shall not apply to impoundments
- 1028 constructed offstream for the purpose of heat disposal. High water temperatures caused by
- 1029 unusually high ambient air temperatures are not violations of these criteria.
- 1030 **J.** Turbidity: Turbidity attributable to other than natural causes shall not reduce light
- transmission to the point that the normal growth, function or reproduction of aquatic life is
- 1032 impaired or that will cause substantial visible contrast with the natural appearance of the
- water. Activities or discharges shall not cause turbidity to increase more than 10 NTU over

- background turbidity when the background turbidity, measured at a point immediately upstream
- of the activity, is 50 NTU or less, nor to increase more than twenty percent when the background
- turbidity is more than 50 NTU. However, limited-duration turbidity increases caused by
- dredging, construction or other similar activities may be allowed provided all practicable
- turbidity control techniques have been applied and all appropriate permits, certifications and
- approvals have been obtained.
- 1040 **K.** Total dissolved solids (TDS): TDS attributable to other than natural causes shall not damage
- or impair the normal growth, function or reproduction of animal, plant or aquatic life. TDS shall
- be measured by either the "calculation method" (sum of constituents) or the filterable residue
- method. Approved test procedures for these determinations are set forth in <u>20.6.4.14</u> NMAC.
- 1044 L. Dissolved gases: Surface waters of the state shall be free of nitrogen and other dissolved
- gases at levels above one hundred ten percent saturation when this supersaturation is attributable
- to municipal, industrial or other discharges.
- 1047 M. Biological integrity: Surface waters of the state shall support and maintain a balanced and
- integrated community of aquatic organisms with species composition, diversity and functional
- organization comparable to those of natural or minimally impacted water bodies of a similar type
- and region.
- 1051 [20.6.4.13 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.1105, 10/12/2000; A, 10/11/2002; Rn, 20.6.4.12 NMAC,
- 1052 5/23/2005; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A, 4/23/2022]
- 1053 **20.6.4.14 SAMPLING AND ANALYSIS:**
- 1054 A. Sampling and analytical techniques shall conform with methods described in the following
- references unless otherwise specified by the commission pursuant to a petition to amend these
- 1056 standards:
- 1057 (1) "Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures For The Analysis Of Pollutants Under The
- 1058 Clean Water Act," 40 CFR Part 136 or any test procedure approved or accepted by EPA using
- 1059 procedures provided in 40 CFR Parts 136.3(d), 136.4, and 136.5;
- 1060 (2) Standard Methods For The Examination Of Water And Wastewater, latest edition,
- 1061 American public health association;
- 1062 (3) Methods For Chemical Analysis Of Water And Waste, and other methods published by
- 1063 EPA office of research and development or office of water;
- 1064 (4) Techniques Of Water Resource Investigations Of The U.S. Geological Survey;
- 1065 (5) Annual Book Of ASTM Standards: volumes 11.01 and 11.02, water (I) and (II), latest
- 1066 edition. ASTM international:

- 1067 (6) Federal Register, latest methods published for monitoring pursuant to Resource
- 1068 Conservation and Recovery Act regulations;
- 1069 (7) National Handbook Of Recommended Methods For Water-Data Acquisition, latest
- edition, prepared cooperatively by agencies of the United States government under the
- sponsorship of the U.S. geological survey; or
- 1072 (8) Federal Register, latest methods published for monitoring pursuant to the Safe Drinking
- 1073 Water Act regulations.
- **B.** Bacteriological Surveys: The monthly geometric mean shall be used in assessing attainment
- of criteria when a minimum of five samples is collected in a 30-day period.
- 1076 C. Sampling Procedures:
- 1077 (1) Streams: Stream monitoring stations below discharges shall be located a sufficient
- distance downstream to ensure adequate vertical and lateral mixing.
- 1079 (2) Lakes: Sampling stations in lakes shall be located at least 250 feet from a discharge.
- 1080 (3) Lakes: Except for the restriction specified in Paragraph (2) of this subsection, lake
- sampling stations shall be located at any site where the attainment of a water quality criterion is
- to be assessed. Water quality measurements taken at intervals in the entire water column at a
- sampling station shall be averaged for the epilimnion, or in the absence of an epilimnion, for the
- 1084 upper one-third of the water column of the lake to determine attainment of criteria, except that
- attainment of criteria for toxic pollutants shall be assessed during periods of complete vertical
- mixing, e.g., during spring or fall turnover, or by taking depth-integrated composite samples of
- the water column.
- 1088 **D.** Acute toxicity of effluent to aquatic life shall be determined using the procedures specified in
- 1089 U.S. environmental protection agency "Methods for Measuring The Acute Toxicity of Effluents
- and Receiving Waters To Freshwater and Marine Organisms" (5th Ed., 2002, EPA 821-R-02-
- 1091 012), or latest edition thereof if adopted by EPA at 40 CFR Part 136, which is incorporated
- herein by reference. Acute toxicities of substances shall be determined using at least two species
- tested in whole effluent and a series of effluent dilutions. Acute toxicity due to discharges shall
- not occur within the wastewater mixing zone in any surface water of the state with an existing or
- designated aquatic life use.
- 1096 E. Chronic toxicity of effluent or ambient surface waters of the state to aquatic life shall be
- determined using the procedures specified in U.S. environmental protection agency "Short-Term"
- 1098 Methods For Estimating The Chronic Toxicity Of Effluents And Receiving Waters To Freshwater
- 1099 Organisms" (4th Ed., 2002, EPA 821-R-02-013), or latest edition thereof if adopted by EPA at 40
- 1100 CFR Part 136, which is incorporated herein by reference. Chronic toxicities of substances shall
- be determined using at least two species tested in ambient surface water or whole effluent and a
- series of effluent dilutions. Chronic toxicity due to discharges shall not occur at the critical low

- 1103 flow, or any flow greater than the critical low flow, in any surface water of the state with an
- existing or designated aquatic life use more than once every three years.
- 1105 **F.** Emerging Contaminants Monitoring: The department may require monitoring, analysis and
- reporting of emerging contaminants as a condition of a federal permit under Section 401 of the
- 1107 federal Clean Water Act.
- 1108 [20.6.4.14 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.1106, 10/12/2000; Rn, 20.6.4.13 NMAC, 5/23/2005 & A,
- 1109 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A 4/23/2022]
- 1110 20.6.4.15 USE ATTAINABILITY ANALYSIS:
- 1111 A. Regulatory requirements for a use attainability analysis. Whenever a use attainability
- analysis is conducted, it shall be subject to the requirements and limitations set forth in 40 CFR
- Part 131, Water Quality Standards; specifically, Subsections 131.3(g), 131.10(g), 131.10(h) and
- 1114 131.10(j) shall be applicable. In accordance with 40 CFR 131.10(i), and 20.6.4.10 NMAC, the
- amendment of a designated use, based on an existing use with more stringent criteria, does not
- 1116 require a use attainability analysis.
- 1117 (1) The commission may remove a designated use, that is not an existing use, specified in
- 1118 Section 101(a)(2) of the federal Clean Water Act or adopt subcategories of a use in Section
- 1119 101(a)(2) of the federal Clean Water Act requiring less stringent criteria only if a use attainability
- analysis demonstrates that attaining the use is not feasible because of a factor listed in 40 CFR
- 131.10(g). Uses in Section 101(a)(2) of the federal Clean Water Act, which refer to the
- protection and propagation of fish, shellfish and wildlife and recreation in and on the water, are
- also specified in Subsection B of 20.6.4.6 NMAC.
- 1124 (2) A designated use cannot be removed if it is an existing use unless a use requiring more
- 1125 stringent criteria is designated.
- 1126 **B. Methods for developing a use attainability analysis.** A use attainability analysis shall
- assess the physical, chemical, biological, economic or other factors affecting the attainment of a
- 1128 use. The analysis shall rely on scientifically defensible methods such as the methods described
- in the following documents:
- 1130 (1) Technical Support Manual: Waterbody Surveys And Assessments For Conducting Use
- 1131 Attainability Analyses, volume I (November 1983) and volume III (November 1984) or latest
- editions, United States environmental protection agency, office of water, regulations and
- standards, Washington, D.C., for the evaluation of aquatic life or wildlife uses;
- the department's *Hydrology Protocol*, latest edition, approved by the commission, for
- identifying ephemeral, intermittent, and perennial waters; or

- 1136 (3) Interim Economic Guidance For Water Quality Standards Workbook, March 1995,
- 1137 United States environmental protection agency, office of water, Washington, D.C. for evaluating
- 1138 economic impacts.
- 1139 C. Determining the highest attainable use. If the use attainability analysis determines that the
- designated use is not attainable based on one of the factors in 40 CFR 131.10(g), the use
- attainability analysis shall demonstrate the support for removing the designated use and then
- determine the highest attainable use, as defined in 40 CFR 131.3(m), for the protection and
- propagation of fish, shellfish and wildlife and recreation in and on the water based on methods
- 1144 described in Subsection B of this section.
- D. Process to amend a designated use through a use attainability analysis.
- 1146 (1) The process for developing a use attainability analysis and petitioning the commission for
- removing a designated use and establishing the highest attainable use shall be done in accordance
- 1148 with the State's current *Water Quality Management Plan/Continuing Planning Process*.
- 1149 (2) If the findings of a use attainability analysis, conducted by the department, in accordance
- with the department's Hydrology Protocol (latest edition) demonstrates that federal Clean Water
- 1151 Act Section 101(a)(2) uses, that are not existing uses, are not feasible in an ephemeral water
- body due to the factor in 40 CFR 131.10(g)(2), the department may consider proceeding with the
- expedited use attainability analysis process in accordance with the State's current Water Quality
- Management Plan/Continuing Planning Process. The following elements must be met for the
- expedited use attainability analysis process to be authorized and implemented:
- 1156 (a) The department is the primary investigator of the use attainability analysis;
- 1157 (b) The use attainability analysis determined, through the application of the *Hydrology Protocol*,
- that the water being investigated is ephemeral and has no effluent discharges of sufficient volume
- that could compensate for the low-flow;
- 1160 (c) The use attainability analysis determined that the criteria associated with the existing uses of
- the water being investigated are not more stringent than those in 20.6.4.97 NMAC;
- 1162 (d) The designated uses in 20.6.4.97 NMAC have been determined to be the highest attainable
- uses for the water being analyzed;
- 1164 (e) The department posted the use attainability analysis on its water quality standards
- website and notified its interested parties list of a 30-day public comment period;
- 1166 (f) The department reviewed and responded to any comments received during the 30-day public
- 1167 comment period; and
- 1168 (g) The department submitted the use attainability analysis and response to comments to region 6
- 1169 EPA for technical approval.

- 1170 If EPA approves the revision under section 303(c) of the Clean Water Act, the water shall be
- subject to 20.6.4.97 NMAC for federal Clean Water Act purposes. The use attainability analysis,
- the technical support document, and the applicability of 20.6.4.97 NMAC to the water shall be
- posted on the department's water quality standards website. The department shall periodically
- petition the commission to list ephemeral waters under Subsection C of 20.6.4.97 NMAC and to
- incorporate changes to classified segments as appropriate.
- 1176 E. Use attainability analysis conducted by an entity other than the department. Any person
- may submit notice to the department stating their intent to conduct a use attainability analysis.
- 1178 (1) The proponent shall provide such notice along with a work plan supporting the
- development of a use attainability analysis to the department and region 6 EPA for review and
- 1180 comment.
- 1181 (2) Upon approval of the work plan by the department, the proponent shall conduct the use
- attainability analysis in accordance with the applicable portions of Subsections A through D of
- this Section and implement public noticing in accordance with the approved work plan.
- 1184 (3) Work plan elements. The work plan shall identify, at a minimum:
- 1185 (a) the waterbody of concern and the reasoning for conducting a use attainability analysis;
- 1186 (b) the source and validity of data to be used to demonstrate whether the current designated use
- 1187 is not attainable;
- 1188 (c) the factors in 40 CFR 131.10(g) affecting the attainment of that use;
- (d) a description of the data being proposed to be used to demonstrate the highest attainable use;
- 1190 (e) the provisions for consultation with appropriate state and federal agencies;
- 1191 (f) a description of how stakeholders and potentially affected tribes will be identified and
- 1192 engaged;
- 1193 (g) a description of the public notice mechanisms to be employed; and
- 1194 (h) the expected timelines outlining the administrative actions to be taken for a rulemaking
- petition, pending the outcome of the use attainability analysis.
- 1196 (4) Upon completion of the use attainability analysis, the proponent shall submit the data,
- findings and conclusions to the department, and provide public notice of the use attainability
- analysis in accordance with the approved work plan.
- 1199 (5) Pending the conclusions of the use attainability analysis and as described in the approved
- work plan, the department or the proponent may petition the commission to modify the
- designated use. The cost of such use attainability analysis shall be the responsibility of the

- proponent. Subsequent costs associated with the administrative rulemaking process shall be the
- 1203 responsibility of the petitioner.
- 1204 [20.6.4.15 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.1107, 10/12/2000; Rn, 20.6.4.14 NMAC, 5/23/2005; A,
- 1205 5/23/2005; A, 7/17/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A, 4/23/2022]
- **1206 20.6.4.16 PLANNED USE OF A PISCICIDE:**
- 1207 The use of a piscicide registered under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act
- 1208 (FIFRA), 7 U.S.C. Section 136 et seq., and under the New Mexico Pesticide Control Act
- 1209 (NMPCA), Section 76-4-1 et seq. NMSA 1978 (1973) in a surface water of the state, shall not be
- a violation of Subsection F of 20.6.4.13 NMAC when such use is covered by a federal national
- pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES) permit or has been approved by the commission
- under procedures provided in this section. The use of a piscicide which is covered by a NPDES
- permit shall require no further review by the commission and the person whose application is
- 1214 covered by the NPDES permit shall meet the additional notification and monitoring requirements
- outlined in Subsection G of 20.6.4.16 NMAC. The commission may approve the reasonable use
- of a piscicide under this section if the proposed use is not covered by a NPDES permit to further
- a Clean Water Act objective to restore and maintain the physical or biological integrity of surface
- waters of the state, including restoration of native species.
- 1219 A. Any person seeking commission approval of the use of a piscicide not covered by a NPDES
- 1220 permit shall file a written petition concurrently with the commission and the surface water
- bureau of the department. The petition shall contain, at a minimum, the following information:
- 1222 (1) petitioner's name and address;
- 1223 (2) identity of the piscicide and the period of time (not to exceed five years) or number of
- 1224 applications for which approval is requested;
- 1225 (3) documentation of registration under FIFRA and NMPCA and certification that the
- petitioner intends to use the piscicide according to the label directions, for its intended function;
- 1227 (4) target and potential non-target species in the treated waters and adjacent riparian area,
- 1228 including threatened or endangered species;
- 1229 (5) potential environmental consequences to the treated waters and the adjacent riparian area,
- and protocols for limiting such impacts;
- 1231 (6) surface water of the state proposed for treatment;
- 1232 (7) results of pre-treatment survey;
- 1233 (8) evaluation of available alternatives and justification for selecting piscicide use;

- 1234 (9) documentation of notice requesting public comment on the proposed use within a 30-day
- period, including information as described in Paragraphs (1), (2) and (6) of Subsection A
- 1236 of <u>20.6.4.16</u> NMAC, provided to:
- 1237 (a) local political subdivisions;
- 1238 (b) local water planning entities;
- 1239 (c) local conservancy and irrigation districts; and
- 1240 (d) local media outlets, except that the petitioner shall only be required to publish notice in a
- newspaper of circulation in the locality affected by the proposed use.
- 1242 (10) copies of public comments received in response to the publication of notice and the
- 1243 petitioner's responses to public comments received;
- 1244 (11) post-treatment assessment monitoring protocol; and
- 1245 (12) any other information required by the commission.
- **B.** Within 30 days of receipt of the petition, the department shall review the petition and file a
- recommendation with the commission to grant, grant with conditions or deny the petition. The
- recommendation shall include reasons, and a copy shall be sent to the petitioner by certified
- 1249 mail.
- 1250 C. The commission shall review the petition, the public comments received under Paragraphs
- 1251 (9) and (10) of Subsection A of 20.6.4.16 NMAC, the petitioner's responses to public comments
- and the department's technical recommendations for the petition. A public hearing shall be held
- if the commission determines there is substantial public interest. The commission shall notify the
- petitioner and those commenting on the petition of the decision whether to hold a hearing and the
- reasons therefore in writing.
- 1256 **D.** If the commission determines there is substantial public interest a public hearing shall be held
- within 90 days of receipt of the department's recommendation in the locality affected by the
- proposed use in accordance with 20.1.3 NMAC, Adjudicatory Procedures Water Quality
- 1259 Control Commission. Notice of the hearing shall be given in writing by the petitioner to
- individuals listed under Subsection A of 20.6.4.16 NMAC as well as to individuals who provided
- public comment under that subsection at least 30 days prior to the hearing.
- **E.** In a hearing provided for in this section or, if no hearing is held, in a commission meeting,
- the registration of a piscicide under FIFRA and NMPCA shall provide a rebuttable presumption
- that the determinations of the EPA Administrator in registering the piscicide, as outlined in 7
- 1265 U.S.C. Section 136a(c)(5), are valid. For purposes of this Section the rebuttable presumptions
- 1266 regarding the piscicide include:
- 1267 (1) Its composition is such as to warrant the proposed claims for it;

- 1268 (2) Its labeling and other material submitted for registration comply with the requirements of
- 1269 FIFRA and NMPCA;
- 1270 (3) It will perform its intended function without unreasonable adverse effects on the
- 1271 environment; and
- 1272 (4) When used in accordance with all FIFRA label requirements it will not generally cause
- 1273 unreasonable adverse effects on the environment.
- 1274 (5) "Unreasonable adverse effects on the environment" has the meaning provided in FIFRA,
- 1275 7 U.S.C. Section 136(bb): "any unreasonable risk to man or the environment, taking into account
- the economic, social, and environmental costs and benefits of the use of any pesticide."
- 1277 **F.** After a public hearing, or commission meeting if no hearing is held, the commission may
- grant the petition in whole or in part, may grant the petition subject to conditions, or may deny
- the petition. In granting any petition in whole or part or subject to conditions, the commission
- shall require the petitioner to implement post-treatment assessment monitoring and provide
- notice to the public in the immediate and near downstream vicinity of the application prior to and
- during the application.
- 1283 G. Any person whose application is covered by a NPDES permit shall provide written notice to
- local entities as described in Subsection A of 20.6.4.16 NMAC and implement post-treatment
- assessment monitoring within the application area as described in Subsection F
- 1286 of 20.6.4.16 NMAC.
- 1287 [20.6.4.16 NMAC Rn, Paragraph (6) of Subsection F of 20.6.4.12 NMAC, 5/23/2005; A,
- 1288 5/23/2005; A, 3/2/2017]
- 1289 **20.6.4.17-20.6.4.49** [RESERVED]
- **1290 20.6.4.50 BASINWIDE PROVISIONS:**
- Special provisions arising from interstate compacts, international treaties or court decrees or that
- otherwise apply to a basin are contained in 20.6.4.51 through 20.6.4.59 NMAC.
- 1293 [20.6.4.50 NMAC N, 5/23/2005]
- 1294 **20.6.4.51** [RESERVED]
- 1295 **20.6.4.52 PECOS RIVER BASIN:**
- 1296 In order to protect existing and designated uses, it is a goal of the state of New Mexico to prevent
- increases in TDS in the Pecos river above the following benchmark values, which are expressed
- 1298 as flow-weighted, annual average concentrations, at three USGS gaging stations: at Santa Rosa
- 1299 500 mg/L; near Artesia 2,700 mg/L; and near Malaga 3,600 mg/L. The benchmark values serve
- to guide state action. They are adopted pursuant to the New Mexico Water Quality Act, not the
- 1301 Clean Water Act.

- 1302 [20.6.4.52 NMAC N, 12/1/2010]
- 1303 **20.6.4.53** [RESERVED]
- 1304 **20.6.4.54 COLORADO RIVER BASIN:**
- For the tributaries of the Colorado river system, the state of New Mexico will cooperate
- 1306 with the Colorado river basin states and the federal government to support and implement
- 1307 the salinity policy and program outlined in the most current "review, water quality
- 1308 standards for salinity, colorado river system" or equivalent report by the Colorado river
- 1309 salinity control forum.
- 1310 A. Numeric criteria expressed as the flow-weighted annual average concentration for salinity are
- established at three points in the Colorado river basin as follows: below Hoover dam, 723 mg/L;
- below Parker dam, 747 mg/L; and at Imperial dam, 879 mg/L.
- 1313 **B.** As a part of the program, objectives for New Mexico shall include the elimination of
- discharges of water containing solids in solution as a result of the use of water to control or
- convey fly ash from coal-fired electric generators, wherever practicable.
- 1316 [20.6.4.54 NMAC Rn, Paragraphs (1) through (3) of Subsection K of 20.6.4.12 NMAC,
- 1317 5/23/2005; A, 5/23/2005]
- 1318 **20.6.4.55-20.6.4.96** [RESERVED]
- 1319 **20.6.4.97 EPHEMERAL WATERS:**
- 1320 Ephemeral surface waters of the state as identified below and additional ephemeral waters
- as identified on the department's water quality standards website pursuant to Paragraph
- 1322 (2) of Subsection D of 20.6.4.15 NMAC are subject to the designated uses and criteria as
- specified in this section. Ephemeral waters classified in 20.6.4.101-899 NMAC are subject
- to the designated uses and criteria as specified in those sections.
- 1325 A. Designated uses: livestock watering, wildlife habitat, limited aquatic life and secondary
- 1326 contact.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific criteria in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the designated uses.
- 1328 **C. Waters:**
- 1329 (1) the following waters are designated in the Rio Grande basin:
- 1330 (a) Cunningham gulch from Santa Fe county road 55 upstream 1.4 miles to a point upstream of
- the Lac minerals mine, identified as Ortiz mine on U.S. geological survey topographic maps;
- 1332 (b) an unnamed tributary from Arroyo Hondo upstream 0.4 miles to the Village of Oshara water
- 1333 reclamation facility outfall;

- 1334 (c) an unnamed tributary from San Pedro creek upstream 0.8 miles to the PAA-KO community
- 1335 sewer outfall;
- 1336 (d) Inditos draw from the crossing of an unnamed road along a power line one-quarter mile west
- of McKinley county road 19 upstream to New Mexico highway 509;
- 1338 (e) an unnamed tributary from the diversion channel connecting Blue canyon and Socorro
- canyon upstream 0.6 miles to the New Mexico firefighters academy treatment facility outfall;
- 1340 (f) an unnamed tributary from the Albuquerque metropolitan arroyo flood control authority
- 1341 (AMAFCA) Rio Grande south channel upstream of the crossing of New Mexico highway 47
- 1342 upstream to I-25;
- 1343 (g) the south fork of Cañon del Piojo from Cañon del Piojo upstream 1.2 miles to an unnamed
- 1344 tributary;
- 1345 (h) an unnamed tributary from the south fork of Cañon del Piojo upstream 1 mile to the
- 1346 Resurrection mine outfall;
- 1347 (i) Arroyo del Puerto from San Mateo creek upstream 6.8 miles to the Ambrosia Lake mine
- 1348 entrance road;
- 1349 (j) an unnamed tributary from San Mateo creek upstream 1.5 miles to the Roca Honda mine
- 1350 facility outfall;
- 1351 (k) San Isidro arroyo, including unnamed tributaries to San Isidro arroyo, from Arroyo Chico
- 1352 upstream to its headwaters;
- 1353 (l) Arroyo Tinaja, including unnamed tributaries to Arroyo Tinaja, from San Isidro arroyo
- upstream to 2 miles northeast of the Cibola national forest boundary;
- 1355 (m) Mulatto canyon from Arroyo Tinaja upstream to 1 mile northeast of the Cibola
- national forest boundary; and
- 1357 (n) Doctor arroyo, including unnamed tributaries to Doctor arroyo, from San Isidro arroyo
- upstream to its headwaters, and excluding Doctor Spring and Doctor arroyo from the spring to its
- confluence with the unnamed tributary approximately one-half mile downstream of the spring;
- 1360 (o) Tijeras Arroyo, from Rio Grande to Four Hills Bridge.
- the following waters are designated in the Pecos river basin:
- 1362 (a) an unnamed tributary from Hart canyon upstream 1 mile to South Union road;
- 1363 (b) Aqua Chiquita from Rio Peñasco upstream to McEwan canyon; and
- 1364 (c) Grindstone canyon upstream of Grindstone reservoir.
- 1365 (3) the following waters are designated in the Canadian river basin:

- 1366 (a) Bracket canyon upstream of the Vermejo river;
- 1367 (b) an unnamed tributary from Bracket canyon upstream 2 miles to the Ancho mine; and
- 1368 (c) Gachupin canyon from the Vermejo river upstream 2.9 miles to an unnamed west tributary
- 1369 near the Ancho mine outfall.
- in the San Juan river basin an unnamed tributary of Kim-me-ni-oli wash upstream of the
- mine outfall.
- 1372 (5) the following waters are designated in the Little Colorado river basin:
- 1373 (a) Defiance draw from County Road 1 to upstream of West Defiance Road; and
- 1374 (b) an unnamed tributary of Defiance draw from McKinley county road 1 upstream to New
- 1375 Mexico highway 264.
- 1376 (6) the following waters are designated in the closed basins:
- 1377 (a) in the Tularosa river closed basin San Andres canyon downstream of South San Andres
- 1378 canyon; and
- 1379 (b) in the Mimbres river closed basin San Vicente arroyo from the Mimbres river upstream to
- 1380 Maudes canyon.
- 1381 [20.6.4.97 NMAC N, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A, 3/2/2017; A, 12/17/2019; A, 4/23/2022]
- 1382 **20.6.4.98 INTERMITTENT WATERS:**
- 1383 All non-perennial surface waters of the state, except those ephemeral waters included
- 1384 under section 20.6.4.97 NMAC or classified in 20.6.4.101-899 NMAC.
- 1385 A. Designated uses: livestock watering, wildlife habitat, marginal warmwater aquatic life and
- 1386 primary contact.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific criteria in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the designated uses,
- except that the following site-specific criteria apply: the monthly geometric mean of E. coli
- bacteria 206 cfu/100 mL or less, single sample 940 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 1390 [20.6.4.98 NMAC N, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A, 3/2/2017]
- 1391 **20.6.4.99 PERENNIAL WATERS:**
- 1392 All perennial surface waters of the state except those classified in 20.6.4.101-899 NMAC.
- **A. Designated uses:** Warmwater aquatic life, livestock watering, wildlife habitat and primary
- 1394 contact.

- **B.** Criteria: The use-specific criteria in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the designated uses,
- except that the following site-specific criteria apply: the monthly geometric mean of E. coli
- bacteria 206 cfu/100 mL or less, single sample 940 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 1398 [20.6.4.99 NMAC N, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A, 3/2/2017]
- 1399 **20.6.4.100** [RESERVED]
- 1400 **20.6.4.101 RIO GRANDE BASIN:**
- 1401 The main stem of the Rio Grande from the international boundary with Mexico upstream
- 1402 to one mile downstream of Percha dam.
- 1403 A. Designated uses: irrigation, marginal warmwater aquatic life, livestock watering, wildlife
- habitat and primary contact.
- **1405 B.** Criteria:
- 1406 (1) The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 1407 designated uses except that the following segment-specific criterion applies: temperature 34°C
- 1408 $(93.2^{\circ}F)$ or less.
- 1409 (2) At mean monthly flows above 350 cfs, the monthly average concentration for: TDS 2,000
- mg/L or less, sulfate 500 mg/L or less and chloride 400 mg/L or less.
- 1411 C. Remarks: sustained flow in the Rio Grande below Caballo reservoir is dependent on release
- 1412 from Caballo reservoir during the irrigation season; at other times of the year, there may be little
- 1413 or no flow.
- 1414 [20.6.4.101] NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2101, 10/12/2010; A, 12/15/2001; A, 5/23/2005; A,
- 1415 12/1/2010; A, 3/2/2017]
- 1416 **20.6.4.102 RIO GRANDE BASIN:**
- 1417 The main stem of the Rio Grande from one mile downstream of Percha dam upstream to
- 1418 Caballo dam.
- 1419 A. Designated uses: irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, primary contact and
- 1420 warmwater aquatic life.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: the monthly geometric
- mean of E. coli bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL or less, single sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 1424 C. Remarks: sustained flow in the Rio Grande downstream of Caballo reservoir is dependent
- on release from Caballo reservoir during the irrigation season; at other times of the year, there
- may be little or no flow.

- 1427 [20.6.4.102] NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2102, 10/12/2010; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A,
- 1428 3/2/2017]
- 1429 **20.6.4.103 RIO GRANDE BASIN:**
- 1430 Perennial reaches of tributaries to the Rio Grande in Sierra and Socorro counties not
- specifically identified under other sections of 20.6.4 NMAC, excluding waters on tribal
- 1432 lands.
- 1433 A. Designated uses: irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, marginal coldwater aquatic
- 1434 life, secondary contact and warmwater aquatic life.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- the designated uses.
- 1437 [20.6.4.103 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2103, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A,
- 1438 4/23/2022]
- 1439 [NOTE: This segment was divided effective 4/23/2022. The standards for the main stem of the
- Rio Grande from the headwaters of Caballo reservoir upstream to Elephant Butte dam, perennial
- reaches of Palomas creek, perennial reaches of Rio Salado, perennial reaches of Percha creek,
- perennial reaches of Alamosa creek, Las Animas creek, and perennial reaches of Abo arroyo are
- 1443 under <u>20.6.4.112</u> NMAC.]
- 1444 **20.6.4.104 RIO GRANDE BASIN**:
- 1445 Caballo and Elephant Butte reservoir.
- 1446 A. Designated uses: irrigation storage, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, primary contact and
- 1447 warmwater aquatic life.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: the monthly geometric
- mean of E. coli bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL or less, single sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 1451 [20.6.4.104 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2104, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 1452 **20.6.4.105 RIO GRANDE BASIN:**
- 1453 The main stem of the Rio Grande from the headwaters of Elephant Butte reservoir
- 1454 upstream to Alameda bridge (Corrales bridge), excluding waters on Isleta pueblo.
- 1455 A. Designated uses: irrigation, marginal warmwater aquatic life, livestock watering, public
- water supply, wildlife habitat and primary contact.
- **1457 B.** Criteria:

- 1458 (1) The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 1459 designated uses.
- 1460 (2) At mean monthly flows above 100 cfs, the monthly average concentration for: TDS 1,500
- mg/L or less, sulfate 500 mg/L or less and chloride 250 mg/L or less.
- 1462 [20.6.4.105 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2105, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 1463 **20.6.4.106 RIO GRANDE BASIN:**
- 1464 The main stem of the Rio Grande from Alameda bridge (Corrales bridge) upstream to the
- 1465 Angostura diversion works, excluding waters on Santa Ana pueblo, and intermittent water
- in the Jemez river below the Jemez pueblo boundary, excluding waters on Santa Ana and
- 1467 Zia pueblos, that enters the main stem of the Rio Grande. Portions of the Rio Grande in
- 1468 this segment are under the joint jurisdiction of the state and Sandia pueblo.
- 1469 A. Designated uses: irrigation, marginal warmwater aquatic life, livestock watering, wildlife
- habitat and primary contact; and public water supply on the Rio Grande.
- **1471 B.** Criteria:
- 1472 (1) The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses.
- 1474 (2) At mean monthly flows above 100 cfs, the monthly average concentration for: TDS 1,500
- mg/L or less, sulfate 500 mg/L or less and chloride 250 mg/L or less.
- 1476 [20.6.4.106] NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2105.1, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 1477 **20.6.4.107 RIO GRANDE BASIN:**
- 1478 The Jemez river from the Jemez pueblo boundary upstream to Soda dam near the town of
- 1479 Jemez Springs and perennial reaches of Vallecito creek.
- 1480 A. Designated uses: coldwater aquatic life, primary contact, irrigation, livestock watering and
- wildlife habitat; and public water supply on Vallecito creek.
- **B.** Criteria: The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- the designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criterion applies: temperature
- 1484 25°C (77°F).
- 1485 [20.6.4.107 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2105.5, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 1486 **20.6.4.108 RIO GRANDE BASIN:**
- 1487 Perennial reaches of the Jemez river upstream of Soda dam near the town of Jemez Springs
- and perennial reaches of tributaries to the Jemez river except those not specifically

- identified under other sections of 20.6.4 NMAC, and perennial reaches of the Guadalupe
- 1490 river and perennial reaches of tributaries to the Guadalupe river, and Calaveras canyon.
- **A. Designated uses:** domestic water supply, fish culture, high quality coldwater aquatic life,
- irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat and primary contact.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- the designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: specific
- conductance 400 µS/cm or less (800 µS/cm or less on Sulphur creek); the monthly geometric
- mean of E. coli bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL or less, single sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less; and pH
- 1497 within the range of 2.0 to 8.8 on Sulphur creek.
- 1498 [20.6.4.108] NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2106, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A,
- 1499 7/10/2012; A, 4/23/2022]
- 1500 **[NOTE:** The segment covered by this section was divided effective 5/23/2005. The standards for
- the additional segment are under 20.6.4.124 NMAC. The standards for San Gregorio lake are
- 1502 in <u>20.6.4.134</u> NMAC, effective 7/10/2012]
- 1503 **20.6.4.109 RIO GRANDE BASIN:**
- 1504 Perennial reaches of Bluewater creek excluding Bluewater lake and waters on tribal lands,
- 1505 Rio Moquino upstream of Laguna pueblo, Seboyeta creek, Rio Paguate upstream of
- 1506 Laguna pueblo, the Rio Puerco upstream of the northern boundary of Cuba, and all other
- perennial reaches of tributaries to the Rio Puerco, including the Rio San Jose in Cibola
- 1508 county from the USGS gaging station at Correo upstream to Horace springs excluding
- 1509 waters on tribal lands.
- **A. Designated uses:** coldwater aquatic life, domestic water supply, fish culture, irrigation,
- livestock watering, wildlife habitat and primary contact; and public water supply on La Jara
- 1512 creek.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: phosphorus (unfiltered
- sample) 0.1 mg/L or less; the monthly geometric mean of *E. coli* bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL or less,
- single sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 1517 [20.6.4.109 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2107, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A,
- 1518 7/10/2012]
- 1519 [NOTE: The standards for Bluewater lake are in 20.6.4.135 NMAC, effective 7/10/2012]
- 1520 **20.6.4.110 RIO GRANDE BASIN**:
- 1521 The main stem of the Rio Grande from Angostura diversion works upstream to Cochiti
- dam, excluding the reaches on San Felipe, Kewa and Cochiti pueblos.

- 1523 A. Designated uses: irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, primary contact, coldwater
- aquatic life and warmwater aquatic life.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: pH within the range of
- 1527 6.6 to 9.0 and temperature 25° C (77°F) or less.
- 1528 [20.6.4.110 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2108, 10/12/2010; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A,
- 1529 3/2/2017]
- 1530 **20.6.4.111 RIO GRANDE BASIN:**
- Perennial reaches of Las Huertas creek from the San Felipe pueblo boundary to the
- 1532 headwaters.
- 1533 A. Designated uses: high quality coldwater aquatic life, irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife
- 1534 habitat and primary contact.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criterion applies: temperature 25°C
- 1537 $(77^{\circ}F)$ or less.
- 1538 [20.6.4.111 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2108.5, 10/12/2000; A, 7/25/2001; A, 5/23/2005; A-
- 1539 12/1/2010]
- 1540 [NOTE: The segment covered by this section was divided effective 5/23/2005. The standards
- 1541 for the additional segment are under 20.6.4.125 NMAC.]
- 1542 **20.6.4.112 RIO GRANDE BASIN**:
- 1543 The main stem of the Rio Grande from the headwaters of Caballo reservoir upstream to
- 1544 Elephant Butte dam, perennial reaches of Palomas creek, perennial reaches of Rio Salado,
- perennial reaches of Percha creek, perennial reaches of Alamosa creek, Las Animas creek,
- and perennial reaches of Abo arroyo.
- **A. Designated uses:** irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, marginal coldwater aquatic
- 1548 life, primary contact and warmwater aquatic life.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 1550 designated uses.
- 1551 C. Remarks: flow in this reach of the Rio Grande main stem is dependent upon release from
- 1552 Elephant Butte dam.
- 1553 [20.6.4.112] NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2109, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; Repealed, 12/1/2010;
- 1554 A, 4/23/2022]
- 1555 **20.6.4.113 RIO GRANDE BASIN:**

- 1556 The Santa Fe river and perennial reaches of its tributaries from the Cochiti pueblo
- boundary upstream to the outfall of the Santa Fe wastewater treatment facility.
- **A. Designated uses:** irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, primary contact and
- 1559 coolwater aquatic life.
- **B.** Criteria: The use-specific criteria in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the designated uses,
- except that the following segment-specific criterion applies: temperature 30°C (86°F) or less.
- 1562 [20.6.4.113 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2110, 10/12/2000; A, 10/11/2002; A, 5/23/2005; A,
- 1563 12/1/2010; A, 2/14/2013]

1564 **20.6.4.114 RIO GRANDE BASIN:**

- 1565 The main stem of the Rio Grande from the Cochiti pueblo boundary upstream to Rio
- 1566 Pueblo de Taos excluding waters on San Ildefonso, Santa Clara and Ohkay Owingeh
- pueblos, Embudo creek from its mouth on the Rio Grande upstream to the Picuris Pueblo
- boundary, the Santa Cruz river from the Santa Clara pueblo boundary upstream to the
- 1569 Santa Cruz dam, the Rio Tesuque except waters on the Tesuque and Pojoaque pueblos, and
- 1570 the Pojoaque river from the San Ildefonso pueblo boundary upstream to the Pojoaque
- pueblo boundary. Some Rio Grande waters in this segment are under the joint jurisdiction
- of the state and San Ildefonso pueblo.
- 1573 A. Designated uses: irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, marginal coldwater aquatic
- life, primary contact and warmwater aquatic life; and public water supply on the main stem Rio
- 1575 Grande.

1576 B. Criteria:

- 1577 (1) The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: 6T3 temperature 22°C
- 1579 (71.6°F) and maximum temperature 25°C (78.8°F). In addition, the following criteria based on a
- 1580 12-month rolling average are applicable to the public water supply use for monitoring and public
- disclosure purposes only:

Radionuclide	pCi/L
Americium-241	1.9
Cesium-137	6.4
Plutonium-238	1.5
Plutonium-239/240	1.5
Strontium-90	3.5

Radionuclide	pCi/L
Tritium	4,000

- 1582 (2) At mean monthly flows above 100 cfs, the monthly average concentration for: TDS 500
- mg/L or less, sulfate 150 mg/L or less and chloride 25 mg/L or less.
- 1584 [20.6.4.114 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2111, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 1585 **20.6.4.115 RIO GRANDE BASIN:**
- 1586 The perennial reaches of Rio Vallecitos, perennial reaches of tributaries to Rio Vallecitos
- except Hopewell lake, and perennial reaches of Rio del Oso and perennial reaches of El
- 1588 Rito creek above the town of El Rito.
- **A. Designated uses:** domestic water supply, irrigation, high quality coldwater aquatic life,
- 1590 livestock watering, wildlife habitat and primary contact; public water supply on the Rio
- 1591 Vallecitos and El Rito creek.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- the designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: specific
- 1594 conductance 300 μS/cm or less; the monthly geometric mean of E. coli bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL
- or less, single sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 1596 [20.6.4.115 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2112, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A,
- 1597 7/10/2012; A, 4/23/2022]
- 1598 [NOTE: The standards for Hopewell lake are in 20.6.4.134 NMAC, effective 7/10/2012]
- 1599 **20.6.4.116 RIO GRANDE BASIN:**
- 1600 The Rio Chama from its mouth on the Rio Grande upstream to Abiquiu reservoir,
- perennial reaches of the Rio Tusas, perennial reaches of the Rio Ojo Caliente, perennial
- reaches of Abiquiu creek and perennial reaches of El Rito creek downstream of the town of
- 1603 El Rito.
- 1604 A. Designated uses: irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, coldwater aquatic life,
- 1605 warmwater aquatic life and primary contact.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- the designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criterion applies: temperature
- 1608 31°C (87.8°F) or less.
- 1609 [20.6.4.116 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2113, 10/12/2010; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A,
- 1610 3/2/2017; A, 4/23/2022]
- 1611 **20.6.4.117 RIO GRANDE BASIN:**

- 1612 Abiquiu reservoir.
- **A. Designated uses:** irrigation storage, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, primary contact,
- 1614 coldwater aquatic life and warmwater aquatic life.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criterion applies: temperature 25°C
- 1617 $(77^{\circ}F)$ or less.
- 1618 [20.6.4.117 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2114, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 1619 **20.6.4.118 RIO GRANDE BASIN:**
- 1620 The Rio Chama from the headwaters of Abiquiu reservoir upstream to El Vado reservoir
- and perennial reaches of the Rio Gallina and Rio Puerco de Chama north of state highway
- 1622 96. Some Rio Chama waters in this segment are under the joint jurisdiction of the state and
- 1623 the Jicarilla Apache tribe.
- **A. Designated uses:** irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, coldwater aquatic life,
- warmwater aquatic life and primary contact.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criterion applies: temperature 26°C
- 1628 $(78.8^{\circ}F)$ or less.
- 1629 [20.6.4.118 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2115, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 1630 **20.6.4.119 RIO GRANDE BASIN:**
- All perennial reaches of tributaries to the Rio Chama above Abiquiu dam, except Canjilon
- lakes a, c, e and f and the Rio Gallina and Rio Puerco de Chama north of state highway 96
- and excluding waters on Jicarilla Apache reservation, and the main stem of the Rio Chama
- 1634 from the headwaters of El Vado reservoir upstream to the New Mexico-Colorado
- line. Some Cañones creek and Rio Chama waters in this segment are under the joint
- 1636 jurisdiction of the state and the Jicarilla Apache tribe.
- **A. Designated uses:** domestic water supply, fish culture, high quality coldwater aquatic life,
- irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat and primary contact; and public water supply on
- the Rio Brazos and Rio Chama.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: specific conductance
- 1642 500 μ S/cm or less (1,000 μ S or less for Coyote creek); the monthly geometric mean of E.
- 1643 *coli* bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL or less, single sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 1644 [20.6.4.119 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2116, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A,
- 1645 7/10/2012]

- 1646 [NOTE: The standards for Canjilon lakes a, c, e and f are in 20.6.4.134 NMAC, effective
- 1647 7/10/2012]
- 1648 **20.6.4.120 RIO GRANDE BASIN:**
- 1649 El Vado and Heron reservoirs.
- **A. Designated uses:** irrigation storage, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, public water supply,
- primary contact and coldwater aquatic life.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: the monthly geometric
- mean of E. coli bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL or less, single sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 1655 [20.6.4.120] NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2117, 10/12/2000; A. 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 1656 **20.6.4.121 RIO GRANDE BASIN:**
- 1657 Perennial tributaries to the Rio Grande in Bandelier national monument and their
- headwaters in Sandoval county and all perennial reaches of tributaries to the Rio Grande
- in Santa Fe county unless included in other segments and excluding waters on tribal lands.
- **A. Designated uses:** domestic water supply, high quality coldwater aquatic life, irrigation,
- livestock watering, wildlife habitat and primary contact; and public water supply on Little
- 1662 Tesugue creek, the Rio en Medio, and the Santa Fe river.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: specific conductance
- 1665 300 μS/cm or less; the monthly geometric mean of E. coli bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL or less, single
- 1666 sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 1667 [20.6.4.121 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2118, 10/12/2000; A. 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A,
- 1668 2/14/2013]
- 1669 NOTE: The segment covered by this section was divided effective 5/23/2005. The standards for
- the additional segments are under 20.6.4.126, 20.6.4.127 and 20.6.4.128 NMAC.]
- 1671 **20.6.4.122 RIO GRANDE BASIN:**
- 1672 The main stem of the Rio Grande from Rio Pueblo de Taos upstream to the New Mexico-
- 1673 Colorado line, the Red river from its mouth on the Rio Grande upstream to the mouth of
- 1674 Placer creek, and the Rio Pueblo de Taos from its mouth on the Rio Grande upstream to
- the mouth of the Rio Grande del Rancho. Some Rio Grande and Rio Pueblo de Taos
- waters in this segment are under the joint jurisdiction of the state and Taos pueblo.
- **A. Designated uses:** coldwater aquatic life, fish culture, irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife
- 1678 habitat and primary contact.

- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: the monthly geometric
- mean of E. coli bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL or less, single sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 1682 [20.6.4.122] NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2119, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 1683 **20.6.4.123 RIO GRANDE BASIN:**
- Perennial reaches of the Red river upstream of the mouth of Placer creek, all perennial
- reaches of tributaries to the Red river, and all other perennial reaches of tributaries to the
- 1686 Rio Grande in Taos and Rio Arriba counties unless included in other segments and
- 1687 excluding waters on Santa Clara, Ohkay Owingeh, Picuris and Taos pueblos.
- **A. Designated uses:** domestic water supply, high quality coldwater aquatic life, irrigation,
- livestock watering, wildlife habitat and primary contact; and public water supply on the Rio
- 1690 Pueblo and Rio Fernando de Taos.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: specific conductance
- 1693 400 μS/cm or less (500 μS/cm or less for the Rio Fernando de Taos); the monthly geometric
- mean of E. coli bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL or less, single sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less; and
- phosphorus (unfiltered sample) less than 0.1 mg/L for the Red river.
- 1696 [20.6.4.123 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2120, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 1697 [NOTE: The segment covered by this section was divided effective 5/23/2005. The standards
- 1698 for the additional segment are under 20.6.4.129 NMAC.]
- 1699 **20.6.4.124 RIO GRANDE BASIN:**
- 1700 Perennial reaches of Sulphur creek from its confluence with Redondo creek upstream to its
- 1701 headwaters.
- 1702 A. Designated uses: limited aquatic life, wildlife habitat, livestock watering and secondary
- 1703 contact.
- 1704 **B. Criteria:** the use-specific criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: pH within the range of
- 1706 2.0 to 9.0, maximum temperature 30°C (86°F), and the chronic aquatic life criteria of Subsections
- 1707 I and J of 20.6.4.900 NMAC.
- 1708 [20.6.4.124 NMAC N, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A, 3/2/2017]
- 1709 **20.6.4.125 RIO GRANDE BASIN:**
- 1710 Perennial reaches of San Pedro creek from the San Felipe pueblo boundary to the
- 1711 headwaters.

- 1712 A. Designated uses: coldwater aquatic life, irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat and
- 1713 primary contact.
- 1714 **B. Criteria:** the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criterion applies: temperature 25°C
- 1716 $(77^{\circ}F)$ or less.
- 1717 [20.6.4.125 NMAC N, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 1718 **20.6.4.126 RIO GRANDE BASIN:**
- 1719 Perennial waters within lands managed by the U.S. department of energy (DOE) within
- 1720 Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), including but not limited to: Cañon de Valle
- 1721 from LANL stream gage E256 upstream to Burning Ground spring, Sandia canyon from
- 1722 Sigma canyon upstream to LANL NPDES outfall 001, Pajarito canyon from 0.5 miles below
- 1723 Arroyo de La Delfe upstream to Homestead spring, Arroyo de la Delfe from Pajarito
- canyon to Kieling spring, Starmers gulch and Starmers spring and Water canyon from
- 1725 Area-A canyon upstream to State Route 501.
- 1726 A. Designated uses: coldwater aquatic life, livestock watering, wildlife habitat and secondary
- 1727 contact.
- 1728 **B. Criteria:** the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- the designated uses.
- 1730 [20.6.4.126 NMAC N, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A, 4/23/2022]
- 1731 **20.6.4.127 RIO GRANDE BASIN**:
- 1732 Perennial portions of Los Alamos canyon upstream from Los Alamos reservoir and Los
- 1733 Alamos reservoir.
- 1734 A. Designated uses: coldwater aquatic life, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, irrigation and
- 1735 primary contact.
- 1736 **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 1737 designated uses.
- 1738 [20.6.4.127 NMAC N, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 1739 **20.6.4.128 RIO GRANDE BASIN:**
- 1740 Ephemeral and intermittent waters within lands managed by U.S. department of energy
- 1741 (DOE) within LANL, including but not limited to: Mortandad canyon, Cañada del Buey,
- 1742 Ancho canyon, Chaquehui canyon, Indio canyon, Fence canyon, Potrillo canyon, and
- 1743 portions of Cañon de Valle, Los Alamos canyon, Sandia canyon, Pajarito canyon and Water
- canyon not identified in 20.6.4.126 NMAC or 20.6.4.140 NMAC. (Surface waters within

- lands scheduled for transfer from DOE to tribal, state or local authorities are specifically
- 1746 **excluded.**)
- 1747 A. Designated uses: livestock watering, wildlife habitat, limited aquatic life and secondary
- 1748 contact.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific criteria in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the designated uses,
- except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: the acute total ammonia criteria set
- forth in Subsection L of 20.6.4.900 NMAC (Oncorhynchus spp. absent).
- 1752 [20.6.4.128 NMAC N, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A, 4/23/2022]
- 1753 [NOTE: This section was divided effective 4/23/2022. The standards for some intermittent
- 1754 waters within LANL are in <u>20.6.4.140</u> NMAC.]
- 1755 **20.6.4.129 RIO GRANDE BASIN:**
- 1756 Perennial reaches of the Rio Hondo.
- 1757 A. Designated uses: domestic water supply, high quality coldwater aquatic life, irrigation,
- 1758 livestock watering, wildlife habitat and primary contact.
- 1759 **B. Criteria:** the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: specific conductance
- 400 μS/cm or less and phosphorus (unfiltered sample) less than 0.1 mg/L.
- 1762 [20.6.4.129 NMAC N, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 1763 **20.6.4.130 RIO GRANDE BASIN:**
- 1764 The Rio Puerco from the Rio Grande upstream to Arroyo Chijuilla, excluding the reaches
- on Isleta, Laguna and Cañoncito Navajo pueblos. Some waters in this segment are under
- 1766 the joint jurisdiction of the state and Isleta, Laguna or Cañoncito Navajo pueblos.
- 1767 **A. Designated uses:** irrigation, warmwater aquatic life, livestock watering, wildlife habitat and
- 1768 primary contact.
- 1769 **B.** Criteria:
- 1770 (1) The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 1771 designated uses.
- 1772 (2) At mean monthly flows above 100 cfs, the monthly average concentration for: TDS 1,500
- mg/L or less, sulfate 500 mg/L or less and chloride 250 mg/L or less.
- 1774 [20.6.4.130 NMAC N, 12/1/2010]
- 1775 **20.6.4.131 RIO GRANDE BASIN:**

- 1776 The Rio Puerco from the confluence of Arroyo Chijuilla upstream to the northern
- 1777 boundary of Cuba.
- 1778 A. Designated uses: warmwater aquatic life, irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat and
- 1779 primary contact.
- 1780 **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 1781 designated uses.
- 1782 [20.6.4.131 NMAC N, 12/1/2010]
- 1783 **20.6.4.132 RIO GRANDE BASIN:**
- 1784 Rio Grande (Klauer) spring.
- 1785 A. Designated uses: domestic water supply, wildlife habitat, livestock watering, coldwater
- 1786 aquatic life use and primary contact.
- 1787 **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses.
- 1789 [20.6.4.132 NMAC N, 12/1/2010]
- 1790 **20.6.4.133 RIO GRANDE BASIN:**
- 1791 Bull Creek lake, Cow lake, Elk lake, Goose lake, Heart lake, Hidden lake (Lake Hazel),
- 1792 Horseshoe lake, Horseshoe (Alamitos) lake, Jose Vigil lake, Lost lake, Middle Fork lake,
- Nambe lake, Nat II lake, Nat IV lake, No Fish lake, Pioneer lake, San Leonardo lake, Santa
- 1794 Fe lake, Serpent lake, South Fork lake, Trampas lakes (east and west) and Williams lake.
- 1795 A. Designated uses: high quality coldwater aquatic life, irrigation, domestic water supply,
- 1796 primary contact, livestock watering and wildlife habitat.
- 1797 **B. Criteria:** The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- the designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: specific
- 1799 conductance 300 µS/cm or less; the monthly geometric mean of *E. coli* bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL
- or less, single sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 1801 [20.6.4.133 NMAC N, 7/10/2012]
- 1802 **20.6.4.134 RIO GRANDE BASIN**:
- 1803 Cabresto lake, Canjilon lakes a, c, e and f, Fawn lakes (east and west), Hopewell lake and
- 1804 San Gregorio lake.
- 1805 A. Designated uses: high quality coldwater aquatic life, irrigation, domestic water supply,
- 1806 primary contact, livestock watering and wildlife habitat.

- **B.** Criteria: The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- the designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: specific
- 1809 conductance 300 μS/cm or less; the monthly geometric mean of *E. coli* bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL
- or less, single sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 1811 [20.6.4.134 NMAC N, 7/10/2012]
- 1812 **20.6.4.135 RIO GRANDE BASIN:**
- 1813 Bluewater lake.
- **A. Designated uses:** coldwater aquatic life, irrigation, domestic water supply, primary contact,
- 1815 livestock watering and wildlife habitat.
- **B.** Criteria: The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- the designated uses except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: phosphorus
- 1818 (unfiltered sample) 0.1 mg/L or less; the monthly geometric mean of E. coli bacteria 126 cfu/100
- mL or less, single sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 1820 [<u>20.6.4.135</u> NMAC N, 7/10/2012]
- 1821 **20.6.4.136 RIO GRANDE BASIN:**
- 1822 The Santa Fe river from the outfall of the Santa Fe wastewater treatment facility to
- 1823 Guadalupe street.
- **A. Designated uses:** limited aquatic life, wildlife habitat, primary contact, livestock watering,
- 1825 and irrigation.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 1827 designated uses.
- 1828 [20.6.4.136 NMAC N, 2/14/2013]
- 1829 **20.6.4.137 RIO GRANDE BASIN:**
- 1830 The Santa Fe river from Guadalupe street to Nichols reservoir.
- **A. Designated uses:** coolwater aquatic life, wildlife habitat, primary contact, livestock watering,
- 1832 and irrigation.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 1834 designated uses.
- 1835 [20.6.4.137 NMAC N, 2/14/2013]
- 1836 **20.6.4.138 RIO GRANDE BASIN:**
- 1837 Nichols and McClure reservoirs.

- **A. Designated uses:** high quality coldwater aquatic life, wildlife habitat, primary contact, public
- 1839 water supply and irrigation.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: specific conductance
- 1842 300 μS/cm or less; the monthly geometric mean of E. coli bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL or less, single
- 1843 sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 1844 [20.6.4.138 NMAC N, 2/14/2013]
- 1845 **20.6.4.139 RIO GRANDE BASIN:**
- 1846 Perennial reaches of Galisteo creek and perennial reaches of its tributaries from Kewa
- pueblo upstream to 2.2 miles upstream of Lamy.
- **A. Designated uses:** coolwater aquatic life, primary contact, irrigation, livestock watering,
- domestic water supply and wildlife habitat; and public water supply on Cerrillos reservoir.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: the monthly geometric
- mean of E. coli bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL or less, single sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 1853 [20.6.4.139 NMAC N, 2/14/2013]
- 1854 **20.6.4.140 RIO GRANDE BASIN**:
- 1855 Effluent canyon from Mortandad canyon to its headwaters, intermittent portions of S-Site
- canyon from monitoring well MSC 16-06293 to Martin spring, and intermittent portions of
- 1857 Twomile canyon from its confluence with Pajarito canyon to Upper Twomile canyon.
- 1858 (Surface waters within lands scheduled for transfer from DOE to tribal, state or local
- 1859 authorities are specifically excluded.)
- 1860 A. Designated uses: livestock watering, wildlife habitat, marginal warmwater aquatic life and
- 1861 secondary contact.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- the designated uses.
- 1864 [<u>20.6.4.140</u> NMAC N, 4/23/2022]
- 1865 **20.6.4.141-20.6.4.200** [RESERVED]
- 1866 **20.6.4.201 PECOS RIVER BASIN:**
- 1867 The main stem of the Pecos river from the New Mexico-Texas line upstream to the mouth
- 1868 of the Black river (near Loving).

- **A. Designated uses:** irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, primary contact and
- 1870 warmwater aquatic life.
- **1871 B.** Criteria:
- 1872 (I) The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criterion applies: dissolved boron for
- 1874 irrigation use $2,000 \mu g/L$ or less.
- 1875 (2) At all flows above 50 cfs: TDS 20,000 mg/L or less, sulfate 3,000 mg/L or less and
- 1876 chloride 10,000 mg/L or less.
- 1877 [20.6.4.201 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2201, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 1878 **20.6.4.202 PECOS RIVER BASIN:**
- 1879 The main stem of the Pecos river from the mouth of the Black river upstream to lower
- 1880 Tansil dam, including perennial reaches of the Black river, the Delaware river and Blue
- **1881 spring.**
- **A. Designated uses:** industrial water supply, irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat,
- 1883 primary contact and warmwater aquatic life.
- **1884 B.** Criteria:
- 1885 (I) The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criterion applies: temperature 34°C
- 1887 $(93.2^{\circ}F)$ or less.
- 1888 (2) At all flows above 50 cfs: TDS 8,500 mg/L or less, sulfate 2,500 mg/L or less and
- 1889 chloride 3,500 mg/L or less.
- 1890 C. Remarks: diversion for irrigation frequently limits summer flow in this reach of the main
- stem Pecos river to that contributed by springs along the watercourse.
- 1892 [20.6.4.202] NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2202, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 1893 [NOTE: The segment covered by this section was divided effective 5/23/2005. The standards
- for Lower Tansil Lake and Lake Carlsbad are under 20.6.4.218 NMAC.]
- 1895 **20.6.4.203 PECOS RIVER BASIN:**
- 1896 The main stem of the Pecos river from the headwaters of Lake Carlsbad upstream to
- 1897 Avalon dam.
- 1898 A. Designated uses: industrial water supply, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, primary
- 1899 contact and warmwater aquatic life.

- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: temperature 34°C
- 1902 (93.2°F) or less; the monthly geometric mean of E. coli bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL or less, single
- 1903 sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 1904 [20.6.4.203 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2203, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 1905 [NOTE: The segment covered by this section was divided effective 5/23/2005. The standards
- 1906 for Lower Tansil Lake and Lake Carlsbad are under 20.6.4.218 and for Avalon Reservoir are
- 1907 under <u>20.6.4.219</u> NMAC.]
- 1908 **20.6.4.204 PECOS RIVER BASIN:**
- 1909 The main stem of the Pecos river from the headwaters of Avalon reservoir upstream to
- 1910 Brantley dam.
- 1911 A. Designated uses: irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, primary contact and
- 1912 warmwater aquatic life.
- 1913 **B. Criteria:** the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- the designated uses.
- 1915 [20.6.4.204 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2204, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A,
- 1916 4/23/2022]
- 1917 [NOTE: The segment covered by this section was divided effective 5/23/2005. The standards
- 1918 for Avalon Reservoir are under 20.6.4.219 NMAC.]
- 1919 20.6.4.205 PECOS RIVER BASIN: BRANTLEY RESERVOIR.
- 1920 A. Designated uses: irrigation storage, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, primary contact and
- 1921 warmwater aquatic life.
- 1922 **B. Criteria:** the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 1923 designated uses.
- 1924 [20.6.4.205 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2205, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 1925 **20.6.4.206 PECOS RIVER BASIN:**
- 1926 Perennial reaches of the Rio Felix and perennial reaches of tributaries to the Rio Hondo
- 1927 downstream of Bonney canyon, excluding North Spring river.
- 1928 A. Designated uses: irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, secondary contact and
- 1929 warmwater aquatic life.
- 1930 **B.** Criteria:

- 1931 (1) The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses.
- 1933 (2) At all flows above 50 cfs: TDS 14,000 mg/L or less, sulfate 3,000 mg/L or less and
- 1934 chloride 6,000 mg/L or less.
- 1935 [20.6.4.206 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2206, 10/12/2010; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A,
- 1936 3/2/2017; A, 4/23/2022]
- 1937 [NOTE: This segment was divided effective 4/23/2022. The standards for the main stem of the
- 1938 Pecos river from the headwaters of Brantley reservoir upstream to Salt creek (near Acme),
- 1939 perennial reaches of the Rio Peñasco downstream from state highway 24 near Dunken, and
- perennial reaches of the Rio Hondo are under 20.6.4.231 NMAC.]
- 1941 **20.6.4.207 PECOS RIVER BASIN:**
- 1942 The main stem of the Pecos river from Salt creek (near Acme) upstream to Sumner dam.
- 1943 A. Designated uses: irrigation, marginal warmwater aquatic life, livestock watering, wildlife
- 1944 habitat and primary contact.
- **1945 B.** Criteria:
- 1946 (1) The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 1947 designated uses.
- 1948 (2) At all flows above 50 cfs: TDS 8,000 mg/L or less, sulfate 2,500 mg/L or less and
- 1949 chloride 4,000 mg/L or less.
- 1950 [20.6.4.207 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2207, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A,
- 1951 4/23/2022]
- 1952 **20.6.4.208 PECOS RIVER BASIN:**
- 1953 Perennial reaches of the Rio Peñasco above state highway 24 near Dunken, perennial
- reaches of tributaries to the Rio Peñasco above state highway 24 near Dunken, perennial
- reaches of Cox canyon, perennial reaches of the Rio Bonito downstream from state
- 1956 highway 48 (near Angus), the Rio Ruidoso downstream of the U.S. highway 70 bridge near
- 1957 Seeping Springs lakes, perennial reaches of the Rio Hondo upstream from Bonney canyon
- 1958 and perennial reaches of Agua Chiquita.
- 1959 A. Designated uses: fish culture, irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, coldwater
- 1960 aquatic life and primary contact.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- the designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: temperature 30°C
- 1963 (86°F) or less, and phosphorus (unfiltered sample) less than 0.1 mg/L.

- 1964 [20.6.4.208] NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2208, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A,
- 1965 4/23/2022]
- 1966 **20.6.4.209 PECOS RIVER BASIN:**
- 1967 Perennial reaches of Eagle creek upstream of Alto dam to the Mescalero Apache boundary,
- 1968 perennial reaches of the Rio Bonito upstream of state highway 48 (near Angus) excluding
- 1969 Bonito lake, perennial reaches of tributaries to the Rio Bonito upstream of state highway
- 1970 48 (near Angus), perennial reaches of the Rio Ruidoso upstream of the U.S. highway 70
- 1971 bridge near Seeping Springs lakes above and below the Mescalero Apache boundary and
- 1972 perennial reaches of tributaries to the Rio Ruidoso upstream of the U.S. highway 70 bridge
- 1973 near Seeping Springs lakes above and below the Mescalero Apache boundary.
- 1974 A. Designated uses: domestic water supply, high quality coldwater aquatic life, irrigation,
- livestock watering, wildlife habitat, public water supply and primary contact.
- 1976 **B. Criteria:** the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- 1977 the designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: specific
- 1978 conductance 600 μS/cm or less in Eagle creek, 1,100 μS/cm or less in Bonito creek and 1,500
- 1979 µS/cm or less in the Rio Ruidoso; phosphorus (unfiltered sample) less than 0.1 mg/L; the
- monthly geometric mean of E. coli bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL or less, single sample 235 cfu/100
- 1981 mL or less.
- 1982 [20.6.4.209] NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2209, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A,
- 1983 7/10/2012; A, 4/23/2022]
- 1984 [NOTE: The standards for Bonito lake are in 20.6.4,223 NMAC, effective 7/10/2012]
- 1985 **20.6.4.210 PECOS RIVER BASIN:**
- 1986 Sumner reservoir.
- 1987 A. Designated uses: irrigation storage, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, primary contact and
- 1988 warmwater aquatic life.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: the monthly geometric
- mean of E. coli bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL or less, single sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 1992 [20.6.4.210 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2210, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 1993 **20.6.4.211 PECOS RIVER BASIN:**
- 1994 The main stem of the Pecos river from the headwaters of Sumner reservoir upstream to
- 1995 Tecolote creek excluding Santa Rosa reservoir.

- 1996 A. Designated uses: fish culture, irrigation, marginal warmwater aquatic life, livestock
- 1997 watering, wildlife habitat and primary contact.
- 1998 **B.** Criteria:
- 1999 (1) The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 2000 designated uses.
- 2001 (2) At all flows above 50 cfs: TDS 3,000 mg/L or less, sulfate 2,000 mg/L or less and
- 2002 chloride 400 mg/L or less.
- 2003 [20.6.4.211 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2211, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A,
- 2004 7/10/2012]
- 2005 [NOTE: The standards for Santa Rosa reservoir are in 20.6.4.225 NMAC, effective 7/10/2012]
- 2006 **20.6.4.212 PECOS RIVER BASIN:**
- 2007 Perennial tributaries to the main stem of the Pecos river from the headwaters of Sumner
- 2008 reservoir upstream to Santa Rosa dam.
- 2009 A. Designated uses: irrigation, coldwater aquatic life, livestock watering, wildlife habitat and
- 2010 primary contact.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 2012 designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criterion applies: temperature 25°C
- 2013 $(77^{\circ}F)$ or less.
- 2014 [20.6.4.212 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2211.1, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 2015 **20.6.4.213 PECOS RIVER BASIN:**
- 2016 McAllister lake.
- 2017 A. Designated uses: coldwater aquatic life, secondary contact, livestock watering and wildlife
- 2018 habitat.
- 2019 **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 2020 designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criterion applies: temperature 25°C
- 2021 $(77^{\circ}F)$ or less.
- 2022 [20.6.4.213 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2211.3, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 2023 **20.6.4.214 PECOS RIVER BASIN:**
- 2024 Storrie lake.
- 2025 **A. Designated uses:** coldwater aquatic life, warmwater aquatic life, primary contact, livestock
- watering, wildlife habitat, public water supply and irrigation storage.

- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 2028 designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: the monthly geometric
- mean of E. coli bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL or less, single sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 2030 [20.6.4.214 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2211.5, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 2031 **20.6.4.215 PECOS RIVER BASIN:**
- 2032 Perennial reaches of the Gallinas river upstream of the diversion for the Las Vegas
- 2033 municipal reservoir, perennial reaches of tributaries to the Gallinas river upstream of the
- 2034 diversion for the Las Vegas municipal reservoir, perennial reaches of Tecolote creek
- 2035 upstream of Blue creek and all perennial reaches of tributaries to Tecolote creek upstream
- 2036 of Blue creek.
- 2037 A. Designated uses: domestic water supply, high quality coldwater aquatic life, irrigation,
- 2038 livestock watering, wildlife habitat, industrial water supply and primary contact; and public
- 2039 water supply on the Gallinas river.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- the designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: specific
- 2042 conductance 300 μS/cm or less (450 μS/cm or less in Wright Canyon creek); the monthly
- 2043 geometric mean of E. coli bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL or less, single sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 2044 [20.6.4.215 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2212, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A,
- 2045 2/13/2018; A, 4/23/2022]
- 2046 [NOTE: This segment was divided effective 2/13/2018. The standards for Tecolote creek from
- 2047 I-25 to Blue creek are under <u>20.6.4.230</u> NMAC.]
- 2048 **20.6.4.216 PECOS RIVER BASIN:**
- 2049 The main stem of the Pecos river from Tecolote creek upstream to Cañon de Manzanita.
- 2050 **A. Designated uses:** irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, marginal coldwater aquatic
- 2051 life and primary contact.
- 2052 B. Criteria:
- 2053 (1) The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 2054 designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criterion applies: temperature 30°C
- 2055 (86°F) or less.
- 2056 (2) At all flows above 10 cfs: TDS 250 mg/L or less, sulfate 25 mg/L or less and chloride 5
- 2057 mg/L or less.
- 2058 [20.6.4.216 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2213, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 2059 **20.6.4.217 PECOS RIVER BASIN:**

- 2060 Perennial reaches of Cow creek and all perennial reaches of its tributaries and the main
- stem of the Pecos river from Cañon de Manzanita upstream to its headwaters, including
- perennial reaches of all tributaries thereto except lakes identified in 20.6.4.222 NMAC.
- 2063 A. Designated uses: domestic water supply, fish culture, high quality coldwater aquatic life,
- 2064 irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat and primary contact; and public water supply on
- 2065 the main stem of the Pecos river.
- 2066 **B. Criteria:** the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: specific conductance
- 2068 300 μS/cm or less; the monthly geometric mean of E. coli bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL or less, single
- 2069 sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 2070 [20.6.4.217 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2214, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A,
- 2071 7/10/2012]
- 2072 [NOTE: The segment covered by this section was divided effective 5/23/2005. The standards
- for the additional segments are under $\underline{20.6.4.220}$ and $\underline{20.6.4.221}$ NMAC.]
- 2074 **20.6.4.218 PECOS RIVER BASIN:**
- 2075 Lower Tansil lake and Lake Carlsbad.
- 2076 A. Designated uses: industrial water supply, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, primary
- 2077 contact and warmwater aquatic life.
- 2078 **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 2079 designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criterion applies: temperature 34°C
- 2080 (93.2°F) or less.
- 2081 [20.6.4.218 NMAC N, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 2082 **20.6.4.219 PECOS RIVER BASIN:**
- 2083 Avalon reservoir.
- 2084 A. Designated uses: irrigation storage, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, secondary contact
- and warmwater aquatic life.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 2087 designated uses.
- 2088 [20.6.4.219 NMAC N, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 2089 **20.6.4.220 PECOS RIVER BASIN:**

- 2090 Perennial reaches of the Gallinas river and perennial reaches of tributaries to the Gallinas
- 2091 river from its mouth upstream to the diversion for the Las Vegas municipal reservoir,
- 2092 except Pecos Arroyo.
- 2093 A. Designated uses: irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, marginal coldwater aquatic
- 2094 life and primary contact.
- 2095 **B. Criteria:** the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- 2096 the designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criterion applies: temperature
- 2097 30°C (86°F) or less.
- 2098 [20.6.4.220 NMAC N, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A, 4/23/2022]
- 2099 **20.6.4.221 PECOS RIVER BASIN:**
- 2100 Pecos Arroyo.
- 2101 A. Designated uses: livestock watering, wildlife habitat, warmwater aquatic life and primary
- 2102 contact.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 2104 designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: the monthly geometric
- 2105 mean of E. coli bacteria 206 cfu/100 mL, single sample 940 cfu/100 mL.
- 2106 [20.6.4.221 NMAC N, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 2107 **20.6.4.222 PECOS RIVER BASIN:**
- 2108 Johnson lake, Katherine lake, Lost Bear lake, Pecos Baldy lake, Spirit lake, Stewart lake
- 2109 and Truchas lakes (north and south).
- 2110 A. Designated uses: high quality coldwater aquatic life, irrigation, domestic water supply,
- 2111 primary contact, livestock watering and wildlife habitat.
- 2112 **B.** Criteria: The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- 2113 the designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: specific
- 2114 conductance 300 μS/cm or less; the monthly geometric mean of E. coli bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL
- 2115 or less, single sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 2116 [20.6.4.222 NMAC N, 7/10/2012]
- 2117 **20.6.4.223 PECOS RIVER BASIN:**
- 2118 Bonito lake.
- 2119 A. Designated uses: high quality coldwater aquatic life, irrigation, domestic water supply,
- 2120 primary contact, livestock watering, wildlife habitat and public water supply.

- **B.** Criteria: The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- 2122 the designated uses except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: specific
- conductance 1100 μ S/cm or less; phosphorus (unfiltered sample) less than 0.1 mg/L; the monthly
- 2124 geometric mean of *E. coli* bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL or less, single sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 2125 [20.6.4.223 NMAC N, 7/10/2012]
- 2126 **20.6.4.224 PECOS RIVER BASIN:**
- 2127 Monastery lake.
- 2128 A. Designated uses: coolwater aquatic life, primary contact, livestock watering and wildlife
- 2129 habitat.
- 2130 **B. Criteria:** The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- 2131 the designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: the monthly
- 2132 geometric mean of *E. coli* bacteria 206 cfu/100 mL or less, single sample 940 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 2133 [20.6.4.224 NMAC N, 7/10/2012]
- 2134 20.6.4.225 PECOS RIVER BASIN:
- 2135 Santa Rosa reservoir.
- 2136 A. Designated uses: coolwater aquatic life, irrigation, primary contact, livestock watering and
- 2137 wildlife habitat.
- 2138 **B. Criteria:** The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- 2139 the designated uses.
- 2140 [20.6.4.225 NMAC N, 7/10/2012]
- 2141 **20.6.4.226 PECOS RIVER BASIN:**
- 2142 Perch lake.
- 2143 A. Designated uses: coolwater aquatic life, primary contact, livestock watering and wildlife
- 2144 habitat.
- **B.** Criteria: The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- 2146 the designated uses except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: the monthly
- 2147 geometric mean of *E. coli* bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL or less, single sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 2148 [20.6.4.226 NMAC N, 7/10/2012]
- 2149 **20.6.4.227 PECOS RIVER BASIN:**
- 2150 **Lea lake.**
- 2151 A. Designated uses: warmwater aquatic life, primary contact and wildlife habitat.

- 2152 **B. Criteria:** The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- 2153 the designated uses except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: the monthly
- 2154 geometric mean of *E. coli* bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL or less, single sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 2155 [20.6.4.227 NMAC N, 7/10/2012]
- 2156 **20.6.4.228 PECOS RIVER BASIN:**
- 2157 Cottonwood lake and Devil's Inkwell.
- 2158 **A. Designated uses:** coolwater aquatic life, primary contact and wildlife habitat.
- 2159 **B. Criteria:** The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- 2160 the designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: the monthly
- 2161 geometric mean of *E. coli* bacteria 206 cfu/100 mL or less, single sample 940 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 2162 [20.6.4.228 NMAC N, 7/10/2012]
- 2163 **20.6.4.229 PECOS RIVER BASIN:**
- 2164 Mirror lake.
- 2165 **A. Designated uses:** warmwater aquatic life, primary contact and wildlife habitat.
- 2166 **B. Criteria:** The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- 2167 the designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: the monthly
- 2168 geometric mean of *E. coli* bacteria 206 cfu/100 mL or less, single sample 940 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 2169 [20.6.4.229 NMAC N, 7/10/2012]
- 2170 **20.6.4.230 PECOS RIVER BASIN:**
- 2171 Perennial reaches of Tecolote creek from I-25 to Blue creek.
- 2172 **A. Designated uses:** domestic water supply, coolwater aquatic life, irrigation, livestock
- 2173 watering, wildlife habitat, and primary contact.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 2175 designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: the monthly geometric
- mean of E. coli bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL or less, single sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 2177 [20.6.4.230 NMAC N, 2/13/2018]
- 2178 **20.6.4.231 PECOS RIVER BASIN:**
- 2179 The main stem of the Pecos river from the headwaters of Brantley reservoir upstream to
- 2180 Salt creek (near Acme), perennial reaches of the Rio Peñasco downstream from state
- 2181 highway 24 near Dunken, perennial reaches of North Spring river and perennial reaches of
- 2182 the Rio Hondo downstream of Bonney canyon.

- 2183 A. Designated uses: irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, primary contact and
- 2184 warmwater aquatic life.
- 2185 **B.** Criteria:
- 2186 (1) The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 2187 designated uses.
- 2188 (2) At all flows above 50 cfs: TDS 14,000 mg/L or less, sulfate 3,000 mg/L or less and
- 2189 chloride 6,000 mg/L or less.
- 2190 [20.6.4.231 NMAC N, 4/23/2022]
- 2191 **20.6.4.232-20.6.4.300** [RESERVED]
- 2192 **20.6.4.301 CANADIAN RIVER BASIN:**
- 2193 The main stem of the Canadian river from the New Mexico-Texas line upstream to Ute
- 2194 dam, and any flow that enters the main stem from Revuelto creek.
- 2195 A. Designated uses: irrigation, marginal warmwater aquatic life, livestock watering, wildlife
- 2196 habitat and primary contact.
- **2197 B.** Criteria:
- 2198 (1) The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 2199 designated uses.
- 2200 (2) TDS 6,500 mg/L or less at flows above 25 cfs.
- 2201 [20.6.4.301 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2301, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 2202 **20.6.4.302 CANADIAN RIVER BASIN:**
- 2203 Ute reservoir.
- 2204 A. Designated uses: livestock watering, wildlife habitat, public water supply, industrial water
- supply, primary contact and warmwater aquatic life.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: the monthly geometric
- mean of E. coli bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL or less, single sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 2209 [20.6.4.302 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2302, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 2210 **20.6.4.303 CANADIAN RIVER BASIN:**
- The main stem of the Canadian river from the headwaters of Ute reservoir upstream to
- 2212 Conchas dam, the perennial reaches of Pajarito and Ute creeks and their perennial
- 2213 tributaries.

- 2214 A. Designated uses: irrigation, marginal warmwater aquatic life, livestock watering, wildlife
- 2215 habitat and primary contact.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 2217 designated uses.
- 2218 [20.6.4.303 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2303, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 2219 **20.6.4.304** CANADIAN RIVER BASIN:
- 2220 Conchas reservoir.
- **A. Designated uses:** irrigation storage, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, public water supply,
- 2222 primary contact and warmwater aquatic life.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: the monthly geometric
- mean of E. coli bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL or less, single sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 2226 [20.6.4.304 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2304, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 2227 **20.6.4.305 CANADIAN RIVER BASIN:**
- 2228 The main stem of the Canadian river from the headwaters of Conchas reservoir upstream
- 2229 to the New Mexico-Colorado line, perennial reaches of the Conchas river, the Mora river
- 2230 downstream from the USGS gaging station near Shoemaker, the Vermejo river downstream
- from Rail canyon and perennial reaches of Raton, Chicorica (except Lake Maloya and
- 2232 Lake Alice) and Uña de Gato creeks.
- 2233 A. Designated uses: irrigation, marginal warmwater aquatic life, livestock watering, wildlife
- habitat and primary contact.
- 2235 B. Criteria:
- 2236 (1) The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses.
- 2238 (2) TDS 3,500 mg/L or less at flows above 10 cfs.
- 2239 [20.6.4.305 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2305, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A,
- 2240 3/2/2017]
- 2241 [NOTE: This segment was divided effective 12/1/2010. The standards for Lake Alice and Lake
- 2242 Maloya are under 20.6.4.311 and 20.6.4.312 NMAC, respectively.]
- 2243 **20.6.4.306 CANADIAN RIVER BASIN:**

- 2244 The Cimarron river downstream from state highway 21 in Cimarron to the Canadian river
- 2245 and all perennial reaches of tributaries to the Cimarron river downstream from state
- 2246 highway 21 in Cimarron.
- **A. Designated uses:** irrigation, warmwater aquatic life, livestock watering, wildlife habitat and
- primary contact; and public water supply on Cimarroncito creek.
- 2249 B. Criteria:
- 2250 (1) The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses.
- 2252 (2) TDS 3,500 mg/L or less at flows above 10 cfs.
- 2253 [20.6.4.306 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2305.1, 10/12/2000; A, 7/19/2001; A, 5/23/2005; A,
- 2254 12/1/2010]
- 2255 **20.6.4.307 CANADIAN RIVER BASIN:**
- 2256 Perennial reaches of the Mora river from the USGS gaging station near Shoemaker
- 2257 upstream to the state highway 434 bridge in Mora, all perennial reaches of tributaries to
- 2258 the Mora river downstream from the USGS gaging station at La Cueva in San Miguel and
- 2259 Mora counties except lakes identified in 20.6.4.313 NMAC, perennial reaches of Ocate
- 2260 creek downstream of Ocate, perennial reaches of tributaries to Ocate creek downstream of
- Ocate, and perennial reaches of Rayado creek downstream of Miami lake diversion in
- 2262 Colfax county.
- 2263 A. Designated uses: marginal coldwater aquatic life, warmwater aquatic life, primary contact,
- 2264 irrigation, livestock watering and wildlife habitat.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 2266 designated uses.
- 2267 [20.6.4.307 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2305.3, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A,
- 2268 7/10/2012; A, 4/23/2022]
- 2269 **20.6.4.308 CANADIAN RIVER BASIN:**
- 2270 Charette lakes.
- **A. Designated uses:** coldwater aquatic life, warmwater aquatic life, secondary contact, livestock
- 2272 watering and wildlife habitat.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses.
- 2275 [20.6.4.308 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2305.5, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]

- 2276 **20.6.4.309** CANADIAN RIVER BASIN:
- 2277 The Mora river and perennial reaches of its tributaries upstream from the state highway
- 2278 434 bridge in Mora except lakes identified in 20.6.4.313 NMAC, all perennial reaches of
- 2279 tributaries to the Mora river upstream from the USGS gaging station at La Cueva,
- 2280 perennial reaches of Coyote creek, perennial reaches of tributaries to Coyote creek, the
- 2281 Cimarron river above state highway 21 in Cimarron, perennial reaches of tributaries to
- 2282 the Cimarron river above state highway 21 in Cimarron except Eagle Nest lake, all
- 2283 perennial reaches of tributaries to the Cimarron river north and northwest of highway 64
- 2284 except north and south Shuree ponds, perennial reaches of Rayado creek above Miami lake
- 2285 diversion, perennial reaches of tributaries to Rayado creek above Miami lake diversion,
- 2286 Ocate creek and perennial reaches of its tributaries upstream of Ocate, perennial reaches of
- the Vermejo river upstream from Rail canyon and all other perennial reaches of tributaries
- 2288 to the Canadian river northwest and north of U.S. highway 64 in Colfax county unless
- 2289 included in other segments.
- 2290 A. Designated uses: domestic water supply, irrigation, high quality coldwater aquatic life,
- 2291 livestock watering, wildlife habitat, and primary contact; and public water supply on the
- 2292 Cimarron river upstream from Cimarron, on perennial reaches of Rayado creek and on perennial
- 2293 reaches of tributaries to Rayado creek.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- 2295 the designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: specific
- 2296 conductance 500 μS/cm or less; the monthly geometric mean of E. coli bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL
- or less, single sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 2298 [20.6.4.309 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2306, 10/12/2000; A, 7/19/2001; A, 5/23/2005; A,
- 2299 12/1/2010; A, 7/10/2012; A, 4/23/2022]
- 2300 **[NOTE:** The segment covered by this section was divided effective 5/23/2005. The standards
- for the additional segment are under 20.6.4.310 NMAC. The standards for Shuree ponds are
- in 20.6.4.314 NMAC and the standards for Eagle Nest lake are in 20.6.4.315 NMAC, effective
- 2303 7/10/2012]
- 2304 **20.6.4.310 CANADIAN RIVER BASIN:**
- 2305 Perennial reaches of Corrumpa creek.
- 2306 A. Designated uses: livestock watering, wildlife habitat, irrigation, primary contact and
- 2307 coldwater aquatic life.
- 2308 B. Criteria:
- 2309 (1) The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 2310 designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: temperature 25°C

- 2311 (77°F) or less; the monthly geometric mean of E. coli bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL or less, single
- 2312 sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 2313 (2) TDS 1,200 mg/L or less, sulfate 600 mg/L or less, chloride 40 mg/L or less.
- 2314 [20.6.4.310 NMAC N, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 2315 **20.6.4.311 CANADIAN RIVER BASIN:**
- 2316 Lake Alice.
- 2317 A. Designated uses: marginal coldwater aquatic life, irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife
- 2318 habitat, primary contact and public water supply.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- the designated uses.
- 2321 [20.6.4.311 NMAC N, 12/1/2010; A, 4/23/2022]
- 2322 **20.6.4.312 CANADIAN RIVER BASIN:**
- 2323 Lake Maloya.
- 2324 A. Designated uses: coldwater aquatic life, irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat,
- primary contact and public water supply.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- the designated uses.
- 2328 [20.6.4.312 NMAC N, 12/1/2010; A, 4/23/2022]
- 2329 **20.6.4.313** CANADIAN RIVER BASIN:
- 2330 Encantada lake, Maestas lake, Middle Fork lake of Rio de la Casa, North Fork lake of Rio
- 2331 de la Casa and Pacheco lake.
- 2332 A. Designated uses: high quality coldwater aquatic life, irrigation, domestic water supply,
- 2333 primary contact, livestock watering and wildlife habitat.
- **B.** Criteria: The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- 2335 the designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: specific
- 2336 conductance 300 μS/cm or less; the monthly geometric mean of E. coli bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL
- or less, single sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 2338 [20.6.4.313 NMAC N, 7/10/2012]
- 2339 **20.6.4.314** CANADIAN RIVER BASIN:
- 2340 Shuree ponds (north and south).

- **A. Designated uses:** high quality coldwater aquatic life, irrigation, domestic water supply,
- primary contact, livestock watering and wildlife habitat.
- **B.** Criteria: The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- 2344 the designated uses except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: specific
- conductance 500 µS/cm or less; the monthly geometric mean of E. coli bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL
- or less, single sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 2347 [20.6.4.314 NMAC N, 7/10/2012]
- 2348 **20.6.4.315 CANADIAN RIVER BASIN:**
- 2349 Eagle Nest lake.
- 2350 A. Designated uses: high quality coldwater aquatic life, irrigation, domestic water supply,
- primary contact, livestock watering, wildlife habitat and public water supply.
- **B.** Criteria: The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- 2353 the designated uses except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: specific
- 2354 conductance 500 μS/cm or less; the monthly geometric mean of *E. coli* bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL
- or less, single sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 2356 [20.6.4.315 NMAC N, 7/10/2012]
- 2357 **20.6.4.316** CANADIAN RIVER BASIN:
- 2358 Clayton lake.
- 2359 A. Designated uses: coolwater aquatic life, primary contact, livestock watering and wildlife
- 2360 habitat.
- **B.** Criteria: The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- the designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: the monthly
- 2363 geometric mean of *E. coli* bacteria 206 cfu/100 mL or less, single sample 940 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 2364 [20.6.4.316 NMAC N, 7/10/2012]
- 2365 **20.6.4.317 CANADIAN RIVER BASIN:**
- 2366 Springer lake.
- **A. Designated uses:** coolwater aquatic life, irrigation, primary contact, livestock watering,
- 2368 wildlife habitat, and public water supply.
- **B.** Criteria: The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- the designated uses.
- 2371 [20.6.4.317 NMAC N, 07-10-2012; A, 3/2/2017]

- 2372 **20.6.4.318** CANADIAN RIVER BASIN:
- 2373 Doggett creek.
- 2374 A. Designated uses: Warm water aquatic life, livestock watering, wildlife habitat and primary
- 2375 contact.
- 2376 **B. Criteria:** The use-specific criteria in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the designated
- uses, except that the following site-specific criteria apply: the monthly geometric mean of E.
- 2378 coli bacteria 206 cfu/100 mL or less, single sample 940 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 2379 C. Discharger-specific temporary standard:
- 2380 (1) Discharger: City of Raton wastewater treatment plant
- 2381 (2) NPDES permit number: NM0020273, Outfall 001
- 2382 (3) Receiving waterbody: Doggett creek, 20.6.4.318 NMAC
- 2383 (4) Discharge latitude/longitude: 36° 52' 13.91" N / 104° 25' 39.18" W
- 2384 (5) Pollutant(s): nutrients; total nitrogen and total phosphorus
- 2385 (6) Factor of issuance: substantial and widespread economic and social impacts (40 CFR
- 2386 131.10(g)(6))
- 2387 (7) Highest attainable condition: interim effluent condition of 8.0 mg/L total nitrogen and 1.6
- 2388 mg/L total phosphorus as 30-day averages. The highest attainable condition shall be either the
- 2389 highest attainable condition identified at the time of the adoption, or any higher attainable
- 2390 condition later identified during any reevaluation, whichever is more stringent (40 CFR
- 2391 131.14(b)(1)(iii)).
- 2392 (8) Effective date of temporary standard: This temporary standard becomes effective for
- 2393 Clean Water Act purposes on the date of EPA approval.
- 2394 (9) Expiration date of temporary standard: no later than 20 years from the effective date.
- 2395 (10) Reevaluation period: at each succeeding review of water quality standards and at least
- once every five years from the effective date of the temporary standard (Paragraph (8) of
- 2397 Subsection H of 20.6.4.10[.F (8)] NMAC, 40 CFR 131.14(b)(1)(v)). If the discharger cannot
- 2398 demonstrate that sufficient progress has been made the commission may revoke approval of the
- 2399 temporary standard or provide additional conditions to the approval of the temporary standard. If
- 2400 the reevaluation is not completed at the frequency specified or the Department does not submit
- 2401 the reevaluation to EPA within 30 days of completion, the underlying designated use and
- 2402 criterion will be the applicable water quality standard for Clean Water Act purposes until the
- 2403 Department completes and submits the reevaluation to EPA. Public input on the reevaluation will
- 2404 be invited during NPDES permit renewals or triennial reviews, as applicable, in accordance with

- 2405 the State's most current approved water quality management plan and continuing planning
- 2406 process.
- 2407 (11) Timeline for proposed actions. Tasks and target completion dates are listed in the most
- 2408 recent, WQCC-approved version of the New Mexico Environment Department, Surface Water
- 2409 Quality Bureau's "Nutrient Temporary Standards for City of Raton Wastewater Treatment Plant,
- 2410 NPDES No. NM0020273 to Doggett Creek."
- 2411 [20.6.4.318 NMAC N, 05/22/2020; A, 4/23/2022]
- 2412 **20.6.4.319-20.6.4.400** [RESERVED]
- 2413 **20.6.4.401 SAN JUAN RIVER BASIN:**
- 2414 The main stem of the San Juan river from the Navajo Nation boundary at the Hogback
- 2415 upstream to its confluence with the Animas river. Some waters in this segment are under
- 2416 the joint jurisdiction of the state and the Navajo Nation.
- **A. Designated uses:** public water supply, industrial water supply, irrigation, livestock watering,
- 2418 wildlife habitat, primary contact, marginal coldwater aquatic life and warmwater aquatic life.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 2420 designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criterion applies: temperature 32.2°C
- 2421 $(90^{\circ}F)$ or less.
- 2422 [20.6.4.401 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2401, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 2423 [NOTE: The segment covered by this section was divided effective 5/23/2005. The standards for
- 2424 the additional segment are under 20.6.4.408 NMAC.]
- 2425 **20.6.4.402 SAN JUAN RIVER BASIN:**
- 2426 La Plata river from its confluence with the San Juan river upstream to the New Mexico-
- 2427 Colorado line.
- 2428 A. Designated uses: irrigation, marginal warmwater aquatic life, marginal coldwater aquatic
- 2429 life, livestock watering, wildlife habitat and primary contact.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 2431 designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criterion applies: temperature 32.2°C
- 2432 $(90^{\circ}F)$ or less.
- 2433 [20.6.4.402 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2402, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 2434 **20.6.4.403 SAN JUAN RIVER BASIN:**
- 2435 The Animas river from its confluence with the San Juan river upstream to Estes arroyo.

- 2436 A. Designated uses: Public water supply, industrial water supply, irrigation, livestock watering,
- 2437 wildlife habitat, coolwater aquatic life, and primary contact.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 2439 designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criterion applies: temperature 29°C
- 2440 $(84.2^{\circ}F)$ or less.
- 2441 [20.6.4.403] NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2403, 10/12/2010; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A,
- 2442 3/2/2017]
- 2443 **20.6.4.404 SAN JUAN RIVER BASIN:**
- 2444 The Animas river from Estes arroyo upstream to the Southern Ute Indian tribal boundary.
- 2445 A. Designated uses: Coolwater aquatic life, irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat,
- 2446 public water supply, industrial water supply and primary contact.
- **B.** Criteria: The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- 2448 the designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criterion applies: phosphorus
- 2449 (unfiltered sample) 0.1 mg/L or less.
- 2450 [20.6.4.404 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2404, 10/12/2010; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A,
- 2451 3/2/2017]
- 2452 **20.6.4.405 SAN JUAN RIVER BASIN:**
- 2453 The main stem of the San Juan river from Cañon Largo upstream to the Navajo dam.
- 2454 A. Designated uses: high quality coldwater aquatic life, irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife
- habitat, public water supply, industrial water supply and primary contact.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- 2457 the designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: specific
- 2458 conductance 400 µS/cm or less; the monthly geometric mean of E. coli bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL
- or less, single sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 2460 [20.6.4.405 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2405, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A,
- 2461 4/23/2022]
- 2462 **20.6.4.406 SAN JUAN RIVER BASIN:**
- 2463 Navajo reservoir in New Mexico.
- **A. Designated uses:** coldwater aquatic life, warmwater aquatic life, irrigation storage, livestock
- 2465 watering, wildlife habitat, public water supply, industrial water supply and primary contact.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 2467 designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: phosphorus (unfiltered

- sample) 0.1 mg/L or less; the monthly geometric mean of E. coli bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL or less,
- single sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 2470 [20.6.4.406 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2406, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 2471 **20.6.4.407 SAN JUAN RIVER BASIN:**
- 2472 Perennial reaches of the Navajo river from the Jicarilla Apache reservation boundary to
- 2473 the Colorado border and perennial reaches of Los Pinos river in New Mexico.
- 2474 A. Designated uses: coldwater aquatic life, irrigation, livestock watering, public water supply,
- 2475 wildlife habitat and primary contact.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 2477 designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: phosphorus (unfiltered
- sample) 0.1 mg/L or less; the monthly geometric mean of E. coli bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL or less,
- single sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 2480 [20.6.4.407 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2407, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 2481 20.6.4.408 SAN JUAN RIVER BASIN:
- The main stem of the San Juan river from its confluence with the Animas river upstream to
- 2483 its confluence with Cañon Largo.
- 2484 A. Designated uses: public water supply, industrial water supply, irrigation, livestock watering,
- 2485 wildlife habitat, primary contact, marginal coldwater aquatic life and warmwater aquatic life.
- 2486 **B. Criteria:** the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- 2487 the designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criterion applies: temperature
- 2488 $32.2^{\circ}\text{C} (90^{\circ}\text{F}) \text{ or less.}$
- 2489 [20.6.4.408 NMAC N, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A, 4/23/2022]
- 2490 **20.6.4.409 SAN JUAN RIVER BASIN:**
- 2491 Lake Farmington.
- **A. Designated uses:** public water supply, wildlife habitat, livestock watering, primary contact,
- 2493 coldwater aquatic life and warmwater aquatic life.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 2495 designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criterion applies: temperature 25°C
- 2496 $(77^{\circ}F)$ or less.
- 2497 [20.6.4.409 NMAC N, 12/1/2010]
- 2498 **20.6.4.410 SAN JUAN RIVER BASIN:**

- 2499 Jackson lake.
- 2500 A. Designated uses: coolwater aquatic life, irrigation, primary contact, livestock watering and
- 2501 wildlife habitat.
- **B.** Criteria: The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- 2503 the designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: the monthly
- 2504 geometric mean of *E. coli* bacteria 206 cfu/100 mL or less, single sample 940 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 2505 [20.6.4.410 NMAC N, 7/10/2012]
- 2506 **20.6.4.411-20.6.4.450** [RESERVED]
- 2507 20.6.4.451 LITTLE COLORADO RIVER BASIN:
- 2508 The Rio Nutria upstream of the Zuni pueblo boundary, Tampico draw, Agua Remora,
- 2509 Tampico springs.
- 2510 A. Designated uses: coolwater aquatic life, livestock watering, wildlife habitat and primary
- 2511 contact.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 2513 designated uses.
- 2514 [20.6.4.451 NMAC N, 12/1/2010]
- 2515 20.6.4.452 LITTLE COLORADO RIVER BASIN:
- 2516 Ramah lake.
- 2517 **A. Designated uses:** coldwater aquatic life, warmwater aquatic life, irrigation, livestock
- 2518 watering, wildlife habitat and primary contact.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 2520 designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criterion applies: temperature 25°C
- 2521 (77°F) or less.
- 2522 [20.6.4.452 NMAC N, 12/1/2010]
- 2523 20.6.4.453 LITTLE COLORADO RIVER BASIN:
- 2524 **Quemado lake.**
- 2525 A. Designated uses: coolwater aquatic life, primary contact, livestock watering and wildlife
- 2526 habitat.
- **B.** Criteria: The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- 2528 the designated uses.
- 2529 [20.6.4.453 NMAC N, 7/10/2012]

- 2530 **20.6.4.454-20.6.4.500** [RESERVED]
- 2531 **20.6.4.501** GILA RIVER BASIN:
- 2532 The main stem of the Gila river from the New Mexico-Arizona line upstream to Redrock
- 2533 canyon and perennial reaches of streams in Hidalgo county.
- 2534 A. Designated uses: irrigation, marginal warmwater aquatic life, livestock watering, wildlife
- 2535 habitat and primary contact.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 2537 designated uses.
- 2538 [20.6.4.501 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2501, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 2539 **20.6.4.502** GILA RIVER BASIN:
- 2540 The main stem of the Gila river from Redrock canyon upstream to the confluence of the
- West Fork Gila river and East Fork Gila river and perennial reaches of tributaries to the
- 2542 Gila river downstream of Mogollon creek.
- 2543 A. Designated uses: industrial water supply, irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat,
- 2544 marginal coldwater aquatic life, primary contact and warmwater aquatic life.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criterion applies: 28°C (82.4°F) or
- 2547 less.
- 2548 [20.6.4.502] NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2502, 10/12/2010; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A,
- 2549 3/2/2017]
- 2550 **20.6.4.503** GILA RIVER BASIN:
- 2551 All perennial tributaries to the Gila river upstream of and including Mogollon creek.
- 2552 A. Designated uses: domestic water supply, high quality coldwater aquatic life, irrigation,
- 2553 livestock watering, wildlife habitat and primary contact.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: specific conductance
- of 400 µS/cm or less for all perennial tributaries except West Fork Gila and tributaries thereto,
- specific conductance of 300 μS/cm or less; 32.2°C (90°F) or less in the east fork of the Gila river
- and Sapillo creek downstream of Lake Roberts; the monthly geometric mean of E. coli bacteria
- 2559 126 cfu/100 mL or less, single sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 2560 [20.6.4.503 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2503, 10/12/2010; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A,
- 2561 3/2/2017]

- 2562 **20.6.4.504** GILA RIVER BASIN:
- 2563 Wall lake, Lake Roberts and Snow lake.
- **A. Designated uses:** coldwater aquatic life, irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat and
- 2565 primary contact.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 2567 designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criterion applies: specific
- 2568 conductance $300 \mu S/cm$ or less.
- 2569 [20.6.4.504 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2504, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 2570 **[NOTE:** The segment covered by this section was divided effective 5/23/2005. The standards for
- 2571 the additional segment are under 20.6.4.806 NMAC.]
- 2572 **20.6.4.505** GILA RIVER BASIN:
- 2573 Bill Evans lake.
- 2574 A. Designated uses: coolwater aquatic life, primary contact, livestock watering and wildlife
- 2575 habitat.
- 2576 **B. Criteria:** The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- 2577 the designated uses.
- 2578 [20.6.4.505 NMAC N, 7/10/2012]
- 2579 **20.6.4.506-20.6.4.600** [RESERVED]
- 2580 **20.6.4.601 SAN FRANCISCO RIVER BASIN:**
- 2581 The main stem of the San Francisco river from the New Mexico-Arizona line upstream to
- state highway 12 at Reserve and perennial reaches of Mule creek.
- 2583 **A. Designated uses:** irrigation, marginal warmwater and marginal coldwater aquatic life,
- 2584 livestock watering, wildlife habitat and primary contact.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 2586 designated uses.
- 2587 [20.6.4.601 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2601, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- **2588 20.6.4.602 SAN FRANCISCO RIVER BASIN:**
- 2589 The main stem of the San Francisco river from state highway 12 at Reserve upstream to the
- 2590 New Mexico-Arizona line.
- **A. Designated uses:** coldwater aquatic life, irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat and
- 2592 primary contact.

- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 2594 designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criterion applies: temperature 25°C
- 2595 $(77^{\circ}F)$ or less.
- 2596 [20.6.4.602 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2602, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- **2597 20.6.4.603 SAN FRANCISCO RIVER BASIN:**
- 2598 All perennial reaches of tributaries to the San Francisco river above the confluence of
- 2599 Whitewater creek and including Whitewater creek.
- 2600 A. Designated uses: domestic water supply, fish culture, high quality coldwater aquatic life,
- irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat and primary contact.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 2603 designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: specific conductance
- 2604 400 μS/cm or less; the monthly geometric mean of E. coli bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL or less, single
- sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less; and temperature 25°C (77°F) or less in Tularosa creek.
- 2606 [20.6.4.603 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2603, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 2607 **20.6.4.604-20.6.4.700** [RESERVED]
- 2608 **20.6.4.701 DRY CIMARRON RIVER:**
- 2609 Perennial portions of the Dry Cimarron river above Oak creek and perennial reaches of
- 2610 Oak creek.
- **A. Designated uses:** coldwater aquatic life, irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat and
- 2612 primary contact.
- **2613 B.** Criteria:
- 2614 (1) The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: temperature 25°C
- 2616 (77°F) or less, the monthly geometric mean of E. coli bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL or less, single
- 2617 sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 2618 (2) TDS 1,200 mg/L or less, sulfate 600 mg/L or less and chloride 40 mg/L or less.
- 2619 [20.6.4.701 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2701, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005 A, 12/1/2010]
- 2620 **[NOTE:** The segment covered by this section was divided effective 5/23/2005. The standards for
- the additional segment are under 20.6.4.702 NMAC.]
- 2622 **20.6.4.702 DRY CIMARRON RIVER:**
- 2623 Perennial portions of the Dry Cimarron river below Oak creek, and perennial portions of
- 2624 Long canyon and Carrizozo creeks.

- 2625 A. Designated uses: coolwater aquatic life, irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat and
- 2626 primary contact.
- 2627 B. Criteria:
- 2628 (1) The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: the monthly geometric
- mean of *E. coli* bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL or less, single sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 2631 (2) TDS 1,200 mg/L or less, sulfate 600 mg/L or less and chloride 40 mg/L or less.
- 2632 [20.6.4.702 NMAC N, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A, 7/10/2012]
- 2633 **20.6.4.703-20.6.4.800** [RESERVED]
- 2634 **20.6.4.801 CLOSED BASINS:**
- 2635 Rio Tularosa upstream of the old U.S. highway 70 bridge crossing east of Tularosa and all
- 2636 perennial tributaries to the Tularosa basin except Three Rivers and Dog Canyon creek, and
- 2637 excluding waters on the Mescalero tribal lands.
- 2638 A. Designated uses: coldwater aquatic life, irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat,
- 2639 public water supply and primary contact.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: the monthly geometric
- mean of E. coli bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL or less, single sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 2643 [20.6.4.801 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2801, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A,
- 2644 2/13/2018]
- 2645 [NOTE: This segment was divided effective 2/13/2018. The standards for Dog Canyon creek are
- 2646 under 20.6.4.810 NMAC.]
- 2647 **20.6.4.802 CLOSED BASINS:**
- 2648 Perennial reaches of Three Rivers.
- **A. Designated uses:** irrigation, domestic water supply, high quality coldwater aquatic life,
- 2650 primary contact, livestock watering and wildlife habitat.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: specific conductance
- 2653 500 μS/cm or less; the monthly geometric mean of E. coli bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL or less, single
- 2654 sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 2655 [20.6.4.802 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2802, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 2656 **20.6.4.803 CLOSED BASINS:**

- 2657 Perennial reaches of the Mimbres river downstream of the confluence with Allie canyon
- and all perennial reaches of tributaries thereto.
- 2659 A. Designated uses: Coolwater aquatic life, irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat and
- 2660 primary contact.
- **B.** Criteria: The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- 2662 the designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: the monthly
- 2663 geometric mean of E. coli bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL or less, single sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less
- and temperature of 30°C (86°F) or less.
- 2665 [20.6.4.803] NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2803, 10/12/2010; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A,
- 2666 3/2/2017]
- 2667 **20.6.4.804 CLOSED BASINS:**
- 2668 Perennial reaches of the Mimbres river upstream of the confluence with Allie canyon to
- 2669 Cooney canyon, and all perennial reaches of East Fork Mimbres (McKnight canyon)
- downstream of the fish barrier, and all perennial reaches thereto.
- **A. Designated uses:** Irrigation, domestic water supply, coldwater aquatic life, livestock
- 2672 watering, wildlife habitat and primary contact.
- **B.** Criteria: The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- 2674 the designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: the monthly
- 2675 geometric mean of E. coli bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL or less, single sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 2676 [20.6.4.804 NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2804, 10/12/2010; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010; A, 02-
- 2677 28-2018; A, 3/2/2017]
- 2678 [NOTE: The segment covered by this section was divided effective 3/2/2017. The standards for
- the additional segment are covered under 20.6.4.807 NMAC.]
- 2680 **20.6.4.805 CLOSED BASINS:**
- 2681 Perennial reaches of the Sacramento river (Sacramento-Salt Flat closed basin) and all
- 2682 perennial tributaries thereto.
- 2683 A. Designated uses: domestic water supply, livestock watering, wildlife habitat, marginal
- 2684 coldwater aquatic life and primary contact.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- designated uses.
- 2687 [20.6.4.805] NMAC Rp 20 NMAC 6.1.2805, 10/12/2000; A, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 2688 **20.6.4.806 CLOSED BASINS:**

- 2689 Bear canyon reservoir.
- 2690 A. Designated uses: coldwater aquatic life, irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat and
- 2691 primary contact.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 2693 designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criterion applies: specific
- 2694 conductance 300 µS/cm or less.
- 2695 [20.6.4.806 NMAC N, 5/23/2005; A, 12/1/2010]
- 2696 **20.6.4.807 CLOSED BASINS:**
- 2697 Perennial reaches of the Mimbres river upstream of Cooney canyon and all perennial
- reaches thereto, including perennial reaches of East Fork Mimbres river (McKnight
- 2699 canyon) upstream of the fish barrier.
- 2700 A. Designated uses: Irrigation, domestic water supply, high quality coldwater aquatic life,
- 2701 livestock watering, wildlife habitat and primary contact.
- **B.** Criteria: The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- 2703 the designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: specific
- 2704 conductance 300 μS/cm or less; the monthly geometric mean of E. coli bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL
- or less, single sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 2706 [20.6.4.807 NMAC N, 3/2/2017]
- 2707 **20.6.4.808 CLOSED BASINS:**
- 2708 Perennial and intermittent watercourses within Smelter Tailing Soils Investigation Unit
- 2709 lands at the Chino mines company, excluding those ephemeral waters listed
- in 20.6.4.809 NMAC and including, but not limited to. the mainstem of Lampbright draw,
- beginning at the confluence of Lampbright Draw with Rustler canyon, all tributaries that
- 2712 originate west of Lampbright draw to the intersection of Lampbright draw with U.S. 180,
- and all tributaries of Whitewater creek that originate east of Whitewater creek from the
- 2714 confluence of Whitewater creek with Bayard canyon downstream to the intersection of
- 2715 Whitewater creek with U.S. 180.
- 2716 **A. Designated uses:** Warmwater aquatic life, livestock watering, wildlife habitat and primary
- 2717 contact.
- 2718 **B. Criteria:** The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- 2719 the designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: the acute and
- 2720 chronic aquatic life criteria for copper set forth in Subsection I of 20.6.4.900 NMAC shall be
- 2721 determined by multiplying that criteria by the water effect ratio ("WER") adjustment expressed
- by the following equation:

- WER = $[10\ 0.588 + (0.703 \times logDOC) + (0.395 \times logAlkalinity)] \times (100\ Hardness)0.942219.31$
- 2724 For purposes of this section, dissolved organic carbon (DOC) is expressed in units of milligrams
- 2725 carbon per liter or mg C/L; alkalinity is expressed in units of mg/L as CaCO₃, and hardness is
- 2726 expressed in units of mg/L as CaCO₃. In waters that contain alkalinity concentrations greater
- 2727 than 250 mg/L, a value of 250 mg/L shall be used in the equation. In waters that contain DOC
- 2728 concentrations greater than 16 mg C/L, a value of 16 mg C/L shall be used in the equation. In
- waters that contain hardness concentrations greater than 400 mg/L, a value of 400 mg/L shall be
- 2730 used in the equation. The alkalinity, hardness and DOC concentrations used to calculate the
- WER value are those measured in the subject water sample.
- 2732 [20.6.4.808 NMAC N, 3/2/2017]
- 2733 **20.6.4.809 CLOSED BASINS:**
- 2734 Ephemeral watercourses within smelter tailing soils investigation unit lands at the Chino
- 2735 mines company, limited to Chino mines property subwatershed drainage A and tributaries
- 2736 thereof, Chino mines property subwatershed drainage B and tributaries thereof (excluding
- 2737 the northwest tributary containing Ash spring and the Chiricahua leopard frog critical
- 2738 habitat transect); Chino mines property subwatershed drainage C and tributaries thereof
- 2739 (excluding reaches containing Bolton spring, the Chiricahua leopard frog critical habitat
- 2740 transect and all reaches in subwatershed C that are upstream of the Chiricahua leopard
- 2741 frog critical habitat); subwatershed drainage D and tributaries thereof (drainages D-1, D-2
- and D-3, excluding the southeast tributary in drainage D1 that contains Brown spring) and
- 2743 subwatershed drainage E and all tributaries thereof (drainages E-1, E-2 and E-3).
- 2744 A. Designated uses: Limited aquatic life, livestock watering, wildlife habitat and secondary
- 2745 contact.
- 2746 **B. Criteria:** The use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to
- 2747 the designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: the acute aquatic
- 2748 life criteria for copper set forth in Subsection I of 20.6.4.900 NMAC shall be determined by
- 2749 multiplying that criteria by the water effect ratio ("WER") adjustment expressed by the following
- 2750 equation:
- WER = $[10 \ 0.588 + (0.703 \times logDOC) + (0.395 \times logAlkalinity)] \times (100 \ Hardness)0.942219.31$
- For purposes of this section, dissolved organic carbon (DOC) is expressed in units of milligrams
- 2753 carbon per liter or mg C/L; alkalinity is expressed in units of mg/L as CaCO₃, and hardness is
- expressed in units of mg/L as CaCO₃. In waters that contain alkalinity concentrations greater
- 2755 than 250 mg/L, a value of 250 mg/L shall be used in the equation. In waters that contain DOC
- 2756 concentrations greater than 16 mg C/L, a value of 16 mg C/L shall be used in the equation. In
- waters that contain hardness concentrations greater than 400 mg/L, a value of 400 mg/L shall be

- 2758 used in the equation. The alkalinity, hardness and DOC concentrations used to calculate the
- WER value are those measured in the subject water sample.
- 2760 [<u>20.6.4.809</u> NMAC N, 3/2/2017]
- 2761 **20.6.4.810 CLOSED BASINS:**
- 2762 Perennial reaches of Dog Canyon creek.
- 2763 A. Designated uses: coolwater aquatic life, irrigation, livestock watering, wildlife habitat,
- public water supply, and primary contact.
- **B.** Criteria: the use-specific numeric criteria set forth in 20.6.4.900 NMAC are applicable to the
- 2766 designated uses, except that the following segment-specific criteria apply: the monthly geometric
- mean of E. coli bacteria 126 cfu/100 mL or less, single sample 235 cfu/100 mL or less.
- 2768 [20.6.4.810 NMAC N, 2/13/2018]
- 2769 **20.6.4.811-20.6.4.899** [RESERVED]
- 2770 20.6.4.900 CRITERIA APPLICABLE TO EXISTING, DESIGNATED OR
- 2771 ATTAINABLE USES UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED
- 2772 IN 20.6.4.97 THROUGH 20.6.4.899 NMAC:
- 2773 **A. Fish culture and water supply:** Fish culture, public water supply and industrial water
- supply are designated uses in particular classified waters of the state where these uses are
- 2775 actually being realized. However, no numeric criteria apply uniquely to these uses. Water
- 2776 quality adequate for these uses is ensured by the general criteria and numeric criteria for bacterial
- 2777 quality, pH and temperature.
- 2778 **B. Domestic water supply:** Surface waters of the state designated for use as domestic water
- supplies shall not contain substances in concentrations that create a lifetime cancer risk of more
- 2780 than one cancer per 100,000 exposed persons. Those criteria listed under domestic water supply
- in Subsection J of this section apply to this use.
- 2782 C. Irrigation and irrigation storage: the following numeric criteria and those criteria listed
- 2783 under irrigation in Subsection J of this section apply to this use:
- 2784 (1) dissolved selenium
- 0.13 mg/L
- 2785 (2) dissolved selenium in presence of >500 mg/L SO4 0.25 mg/L.
- 2786 **D. Primary contact:** The monthly geometric mean of E. coli bacteria of 126 cfu/100 mL or
- 2787 MPN/100 ml, a single sample of E. coli bacteria of 410 cfu/100 mL or MPN/100 mL, a single
- sample of total microcystins of 8 µg/L with no more than three exceedances within a 12-month
- 2789 period and a single sample of cylindrospermopsin of 15 μg/L with no more than three
- exceedances within a 12-month period, and pH within the range of 6.6 to 9.0 apply to this

- use. The results for E. coli may be reported as either colony forming units (CFU) or the most
- probable number (MPN) depending on the analytical method used.
- 2793 E. Secondary contact: The monthly geometric mean of E. coli bacteria of 548 cfu/100 mL or
- 2794 MPN/100 mL and single sample of 2507 cfu/100 mL or MPN/100 mL apply to this use. The
- 2795 results for E. coli may be reported as either colony forming units (CFU) or the most probable
- 2796 number (MPN), depending on the analytical method used.
- 2797 **F. Livestock watering:** the criteria listed in Subsection J of this section for livestock watering
- apply to this use.
- 2799 **G. Wildlife habitat:** Wildlife habitat shall be free from any substances at concentrations that
- are toxic to or will adversely affect plants and animals that use these environments for feeding,
- drinking, habitat or propagation; can bioaccumulate; or might impair the community of animals
- in a watershed or the ecological integrity of surface waters of the state. The numeric criteria
- 2803 listed in Subsection J for wildlife habitat apply to this use.
- 2804 **H. Aquatic life:** Surface waters of the state with a designated, existing or attainable use of
- 2805 aquatic life shall be free from any substances at concentrations that can impair the community of
- 2806 plants and animals in or the ecological integrity of surface waters of the state. Except as
- provided in Paragraph (7) of this subsection, the acute and chronic aquatic life criteria set out in
- 2808 Subsections I, J, K and L of this section and the human health-organism only criteria set out in
- 2809 Subsection J of this section are applicable to all aquatic life use subcategories. In addition, the
- specific criteria for aquatic life subcategories in the following paragraphs apply to waters
- 2811 classified under the respective designations.
- 2812 (1) High quality coldwater: dissolved oxygen 6.0 mg/L or more, 4T3 temperature 20°C
- 2813 (68°F), maximum temperature 23°C (73°F), pH within the range of 6.6 to 8.8 and specific
- 2814 conductance a segment-specific limit between 300 μS/cm and 1,500 μS/cm depending on the
- 2815 natural background in the particular surface water of the state (the intent of this criterion is to
- prevent excessive increases in dissolved solids which would result in changes in community
- structure). Where a single segment-specific temperature criterion is indicated in 20.6.4.101-
- 2818 899 NMAC, it is the maximum temperature and no 4T3 temperature applies.
- 2819 (2) Coldwater: dissolved oxygen 6.0 mg/L or more, 6T3 temperature 20°C (68°F), maximum
- temperature 24°C (75°F) and pH within the range of 6.6 to 8.8. Where a single segment-specific
- temperature criterion is indicated in 20.6.4.101-899 NMAC, it is the maximum temperature and
- 2822 no 6T3 temperature applies.
- 2823 (3) Marginal coldwater: dissolved oxygen 6 mg/L or more, 6T3 temperature 25°C (77°F),
- 2824 maximum temperature 29°C (84°F) and pH within the range from 6.6 to 9.0. Where a single
- segment-specific temperature criterion is indicated in 20.6.4.101-899 NMAC, it is the maximum
- 2826 temperature and no 6T3 temperature applies.

- 2827 Coolwater: dissolved oxygen 5.0 mg/L or more, maximum temperature 29°C (84°F) and (4) pH within the range of 6.6 to 9.0. 2828
- Warmwater: dissolved oxygen 5 mg/L or more, maximum temperature 32.2°C (90°F) 2829 2830 and pH within the range of 6.6 to 9.0. Where a segment-specific temperature criterion is indicated in 20.6.4.101-899 NMAC, it is the maximum temperature. 2831
- 2832 (6)Marginal warmwater: dissolved oxygen 5 mg/L or more, pH within the range of 6.6 to 2833 9.0 and temperatures that may routinely exceed 32.2°C (90°F). Where a segment-specific temperature criterion is indicated in 20.6.4.101-899 NMAC, it is the maximum temperature. 2834
- 2835 Limited aquatic life: The acute aquatic life criteria of Subsections I and J of this section 2836 apply to this subcategory. Chronic aquatic life criteria do not apply unless adopted on a 2837 segment-specific basis. Human health-organism only criteria apply only for persistent toxic 2838 pollutants unless adopted on a segment-specific basis.

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- 2839 I. Hardness-dependent acute and chronic aquatic life criteria for metals are calculated using the 2840 following equations. The criteria are expressed as a function of hardness (as mg CaCO3/L). With the exception of aluminum, the equations are valid only for hardness concentrations of 0-400 mg/L. For hardness concentrations above 400 mg/L, the criteria for 400 2842 mg/L apply. For aluminum the equations are valid only for hardness concentrations of 0-220 2843 mg/L. For hardness concentrations above 220 mg/L, the aluminum criteria for 220 mg/L 2844 apply. Calculated criteria must adhere to the treatment of significant figures and rounding 2845 identified in Standard Methods For The Examination Of Water And Wastewater, latest edition, 2846 2847 American public health association.
 - Acute aquatic life criteria for metals: The equation to calculate acute criteria in µg/L is (1) exp(mA + bA)(CF). Except for aluminum, the criteria are based on analysis of dissolved metal. For aluminum, the criteria are based on analysis of total recoverable aluminum in a sample that has a pH between 6.5 and 9.0 and is filtered to minimize mineral phases as specified by the department. The equation parameters are as follows:

С	m _A	b _A	Conversion factor (CF)
Aluminum (Al)	1.3695	1.8308	
Cadmium (Cd)	0.9789	-3.866	1.136672-
Chromium (Cr) III	0.8190	3.7256	0.316
Copper (Cu)	0.9422	-1.700	0.960
Lead (Pb)	1.273	-1.460	1.46203-
Manganese (Mn)	0.3331	6.4676	

Nickel (Ni)	0.8460	2.255	0.998
Silver (Ag)	1.72	-6.59	0.85
Zinc (Zn)	0.9094	0.9095	0.978

(2) Chronic aquatic life criteria for metals: The equation to calculate chronic criteria in $\mu g/L$ is exp(mC+bC)(CF). Except for aluminum, the criteria are based on analysis of dissolved metal. For aluminum, the criteria are based on analysis of total recoverable aluminum in a sample that has a pH between 6.5 and 9.0 and is filtered to minimize mineral phases as specified by the department. The equation parameters are as follows:

Metal	m _C	bc	Conversion factor (CF)
Aluminum (Al)	1.3695	0.9161	
Cadmium (Cd)	0.7977	-3.909	1.101672-
Chromium (Cr) III	0.8190	0.6848	0.860
Copper (Cu)	0.8545	-1.702	0.960
Lead (Pb)	1.273	-4.705	1.46203-
Manganese (Mn)	0.3331	5.8743	
Nickel (Ni)	0.8460	0.0584	0.997
Zinc (Zn)	0.9094	0.6235	0.986

(3) Selected values of calculated acute and chronic criteria (μ g/L).

Hardness as CaCO3, dissolved (mg/L)		Al	Cd	Cr III	Cu	Pb	Mn	Ni	Ag	Zn
25.0	Acute	512	0.490	183	3.64	13.9	1,880	145	0.30	45.4
	Chronic	205	0.253	23.8	2.74	0.541	1,040	16.1		34.4
30.0	Acute	658	0.581	212	4.32	17.0	2,000	169	0.40	53.5
	Chronic	263	0.290	27.6	3.20	0.664	1,100	18.8		40.5
40.0	Acute	975	0.761	269	5.67	23.5	2,200	216	0.66	69.5
	Chronic	391	0.360	35.0	4.09	0.916	1,220	24.0		52.7

Hardness as CaCO3, dissolved (mg/L)		Al	Cd	Cr III	Cu	Pb	Mn	Ni	Ag	Zn
50.0	Acute	1,320	0.938	323	6.99	30.1	2,370	260	0.98	85.2
	Chronic	530	0.426	42.0	4.95	1.17	1,310	28.9		64.5
60.0	Acute	1,700	1.11	375	8.30	36.9	2,520	304	1.3	100
	Chronic	681	0.489	48.8	5.79	1.44	1,390	33.8		76.2
70.0	Acute	2,100	1.28	425	9.60	43.7	2,650	346	1.7	116
, , , ,	Chronic	841	0.549	55.3	6.60	1.70	1,460	38.5		87.6
80.0	Acute	2,520	1.46	474	10.9	50.6	2,770	388	2.2	131
	Chronic	1,010	0.607	61.7	7.40	1.97	1,530	43.0		98.9
90.0	Acute	2,960	1.62	523	12.2	57.6	2,880	428	2.7	145
	Chronic	1,190	0.664	68.0	8.18	2.24	1,590	47.6		110
100	Acute	3,420	1.79	570	13.4	64.6	2,980	468	3.2	160
	Chronic	1,370	0.718	74.1	8.96	2.52	1,650	52.0		121
200	Acute	8,840	3.43	1,000	25.8	136	3,760	842	10	300
	Chronic	3,540	1.21	131	16.2	5.30	2,080	93.5		228
220	Acute	10,100	3.74	1,090	28.2	151	3,880	912	12	328
	Chronic	4,030	1.30	141	17.6	5.87	2,140	101		248
300	Acute		5.00	1,400	37.8	208	4,300	1,190	21	434
	Chronic		1.64	182	22.9	8.13	2,380	132		329
400 and	Acute		6.54	1,770	49.6	281	4,740	1,510	35	564
above	Chronic		2.03	231	29.3	10.9	2,620	168		428

2859 J. Use-specific numeric criteria.

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(1) Table of numeric criteria: The following table sets forth the numeric criteria applicable to existing, designated and attainable uses. For metals, criteria represent the total sample fraction

unless otherwise specified in the table. Additional criteria that are not compatible with this table are found in Subsections A through I, K and L of this section.

Pollutant	CAS	DWS	Irr/Irr	LW	WH	Aquatio	Life		Туре
	Number		storage	LVV	***11	Acute	Chronic	НН-ОО	Type
	7429-								
Aluminum, dissolved	90-5		5,000			750 i	87 i		
	7429-								
Aluminum, total recoverable	90-5					a	a		
	7440-								
Antimony, dissolved	36-0	6						640	P
	7440-								
Arsenic, dissolved	38-2	10	100	200		340	150	9.0	C,P
	1332-	7,000,000							
Asbestos	21-4	fibers/L							
	7440-								
Barium, dissolved	39-3	2,000							
	7440-								
Beryllium, dissolved	41-7	4							
	7440-								
Boron, dissolved	42-8		750	5,000					
	7440-								
Cadmium, dissolved	43-9	5	10	50		a	a		
	1688-								
Chloride	70-06					860,000	230,000		
	7782-								
Chlorine residual	50-5				11	19	11		
	16065-								
Chromium III, dissolved	83-1					a	a		
	18540-								
Chromium VI, dissolved	29-9					16	11		

Pollutant	CAS	DWS	Irr/Irr	LW	WH	Aquati	c Life		_Type
	Number		storage		***	Acute	Chronic	НН-ОО	Турс
Chromium, dissolved	7440- 47-3	100	100	1,000					
Cobalt, dissolved	7440- 48-4		50	1,000					
Copper, dissolved	7440- 50-8	1300	200	500		a	a		
Cyanide, total recoverable	57-12-5	200			5.2	22.0	5.2	400	
Iron	7439- 89-6						1,000		
Lead, dissolved	7439- 92-1	15	5,000	100		a	a		
Manganese, dissolved	7439- 96-5					a	a		
Mercury	7439- 97-6	2		10	0.77				
Mercury, dissolved	7439- 97-6					1.4	0.77		
Methylmercury	22967- 92-6							0.3 mg/kg in fish tissue	P
Molybdenum, dissolved	7439- 98-7		1,000						
Molybdenum, total recoverable	7439- 98-7					7,920	1,895		
Nickel, dissolved	7440- 02-0	700				a	a	4,600	P
Nitrate as N		10 mg/L							

Pollutant	CAS	DWS	Irr/Irr	LW	WH	Aquati	c Life		Туре
	Number		storage	LVV	VV 11	Acute	Chronic	НН-ОО	Туре
				132					
Nitrite + Nitrate				mg/L					
Selenium, dissolved	7782- 49-2	50	b	50				4,200	P
	7782-								
Selenium, total recoverable	49-2				5.0	20.0	5.0		
	7440-								
Silver, dissolved	22-4					a			
	7440-								
Thallium, dissolved	28-0	2						0.47	P
	7440-								
Uranium, dissolved	61-1	30							
	7440-								
Vanadium, dissolved	62-2		100	100					
	7440-								
Zinc, dissolved	66-6	10,500	2,000	25,000)	a	a	26,000	P
				15					
Adjusted gross alpha		15 pCi/L		pCi/L					
				30.0					
Radium 226 + Radium 228		5 pCi/L		pCi/L					
Strontium 90		8 pCi/L							
		20,000		20,000)				
Tritium		pCi/L		pCi/L					
Acenaphthene	83-32-9	2,100						90	
	107-02-								
Acrolein	8	18				3.0	3.0	400	
	107-13-								
Acrylonitrile	1	0.65						70	C

Pollutant	CAS	DWS	Irr/Irr	LW	WH	Aquati	c Life		Type
	Number		storage	LW	WH	Acute	Chronic	НН-ОО	Туре
Aldrin	309-00- 2	0.021				3.0		0.0000077	C,P
Anthracene	120-12- 7	10,500						400	
Benzene	71-43-2	5						160	С
Benzidine	92-87-5	0.0015						0.11	С
Benzo(a)anthracene	56-55-3	0.048						0.013	С
Benzo(a)pyrene	50-32-8	0.2						0.0013	C,P
Benzo(b)fluoranthene	205-99- 2	0.048						0.013	С
Benzo(k)fluoranthene	207-08- 9	0.048						0.13	С
alpha-BHC	319-84- 6	0.056						0.0039	С
beta-BHC	319-85- 7	0.091						0.14	С
gamma-BHC (Lindane)	58-89-9	0.20				0.95		4.4	
Bis(2-chloroethyl) ether	111-44- 4	0.30						22	С
Bis(2-chloro-1-methylethyl) ether	108-60- 1	1,400						4,000	
Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate	117-81- 7	6						3.7	С
Bis(chloromethyl) ether	542-88- 1							0.17	С
Bromoform	75-25-2	44						1,200	С
Butylbenzyl phthalate	85-68-7	7,000						1	С

Pollutant	CAS	DWS	Irr/Irr	LW	WH	Aquati	Туре		
	Number		storage		VV 11	Acute	Chronic	НН-ОО	Турс
Carbaryl	63-25-2					2.1	2.1		
Carbon tetrachloride	56-23-5	5						50	С
Chlordane	57-74-9	2				2.4	0.0043	0.0032	С,Р
Chlorobenzene	108-90- 7	100						800	
Chlorodibromomethane	124-48- 1	4.2						210	С
Chloroform	67-66-3	57						2,000	
Chlorpyrifos	2921- 88-2					0.083	0.041		
2-Chloronaphthalene	91-58-7	2,800						1,000	
2-Chlorophenol	95-57-8	175						800	
Chrysene	218-01- 9	0.048						1.3	С
Demeton	8065- 48-3						0.1		
Diazinon	333-41- 5					0.17	0.17		
2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid	94-75-7							12,000	
Dichlorodiphenyldichloroethane (DDD)	72-54-8							0.0012	С
Dichlorodiphenyldichloroethylene (DDE)	72-55-9							0.00018	С
Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (DDT)	50-29-3							0.0003	C,P
4,4'-DDT and derivatives		1.0			0.001	1.1	0.001		
Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene	53-70-3	0.048						0.0013	С

Pollutant	CAS	DWS	Irr/Irr	LW	WH	Aquati		Type	
	Number		storage	LVV	WII	Acute	Chronic	НН-ОО	-Type
Dibutyl phthalate	84-74-2	3,500						30	
1,2-Dichlorobenzene	95-50-1	600						3,000	
1,3-Dichlorobenzene	541-73- 1	469						10	
1,4-Dichlorobenzene	106-46- 7	75						900	
3,3'-Dichlorobenzidine	91-94-1	0.78						1.5	С
Dichlorobromomethane	75-27-4	5.6						270	С
1,2-Dichloroethane	107-06- 2	5						6,500	С
1,1-Dichloroethylene	75-35-4	7						20,000	
2,4-Dichlorophenol	120-83- 2	105						60	
1,2-Dichloropropane	78-87-5	5.0						310	С
1,3-Dichloropropene	542-75- 6	3.5						120	С
Dieldrin	60-57-1	0.022				0.24	0.056	0.000012	C,P
Diethyl phthalate	84-66-2	28,000						600	
Dimethyl phthalate	131-11- 3	350,000						2,000	
2,4-Dimethylphenol	105-67- 9	700						3,000	
Dinitrophenols	25550- 58-7							1,000	
2,4-Dinitrophenol	51-28-5	70						300	
2,4-Dinitrotoluene	121-14- 2	1.1						17	С

Pollutant	CAS	DWS	Irr/Irr	LW	WH	Aquati		Туре	
	Number		storage	LVV	VV 11	Acute	Chronic	НН-ОО	Type
Dioxin	1746- 01-6	3.0E-05						5.1E-08	С,Р
1,2-Diphenylhydrazine	122-66- 7	0.44						2.0	С
alpha-Endosulfan	959-98- 8	62				0.22	0.056	30	
beta-Endosulfan	33213- 65-9	62				0.22	0.056	40	
Endosulfan sulfate	1031- 07-8	62						40	
Endrin	72-20-8	2				0.086	0.036	0.03	
Endrin aldehyde	7421- 93-4	10.5						1	
Ethylbenzene	100-41-	700						130	
Fluoranthene	206-44- 0	1,400						20	
Fluorene	86-73-7	1,400						70	
Guthion	86-50-0						0.01		
Heptachlor	76-44-8	0.40				0.52	0.0038	0.000059	С
Heptachlor epoxide	1024- 57-3	0.20				0.52	0.0038	0.00032	С
Hexachlorobenzene	118-74- 1	1						0.00079	C,P
Hexachlorobutadiene	87-68-3	4.5						0.1	С
Hexachlorocyclohexane (HCH)- Technical	608-73-							0.1	С

Pollutant	CAS	DWS	Irr/Irr	LW	WH	Aquati	c Life		Туре
	Number		storage	LVV	****	Acute	Chronic	НН-ОО	Турс
Hexachlorocyclopen-tadiene	77-47-4	50						4	
Hexachloroethane	67-72-1	25						1	С
Ideno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene	193-39- 5	0.048						0.013	С
Isophorone	78-59-1	368						18,000	С
Malathion	121-75- 5						0.1		
Methoxychlor	72-43-5						0.03	0.02	
Methyl bromide	74-83-9	49						10,000	
3-Methyl-4-chlorophenol	59-50-7							2,000	
2-Methyl-4,6-dinitrophenol	534-52- 1	14						30	
Methylene chloride	75-09-2	5						10,000	С
Mirex	2385- 85-5						0.001		
Nitrobenzene	98-95-3	18						600	
Nitrosamines	Various							12.4	С
Nitrosodibutylamine	924-16- 3							2.2	С
Nitrosodiethylamine	55-18-5							12.4	С
N-Nitrosodimethylamine	62-75-9	0.0069						30	С
N-Nitrosodi-n-propylamine	621-64- 7	0.050						5.1	С
N-Nitrosodiphenylamine	86-30-6	71						60	С
N-Nitrosopyrrolidine	930-55-							340	С

Pollutant	CAS	DWS	Irr/Irr	LW	WH	Aquati	c Life		Type
	Number		storage	LVV	WI	Acute	Chronic	НН-ОО	_Туре
Nonylphenol	84852- 15-3					28	6.6		
Parathion	56-38-2					0.065	0.013		
Pentachlorobenzene	608-93- 5							0.1	
Pentachlorophenol	87-86-5	1.0				19	15	0.4	С
Phenol	108-95- 2	10,500						300,000	
Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)	1336- 36-3	0.50			0.014	2	0.014	0.00064	С,Р
Pyrene	129-00- 0	1,050						30	
1,2,4,5-Tetrachlorobenzene	95-94-3							0.03	
1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane	79-34-5	1.8						30	С
Tetrachloroethylene	127-18- 4	5						290	C,P
Toluene	108-88- 3	1,000						520	
Toxaphene	8001- 35-2	3				0.73	0.0002	0.0071	С
1,2-Trans-dichloroethylene	156-60- 5	100						4,000	
Tributyltin (TBT)	Various					0.46	0.072		
1,2,4-Trichlorobenzene	120-82- 1	70						0.76	С
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	71-55-6	200						200,000	

Pollutant	CAS	DWS	Irr/Irr	LW	WH	Aquati	c Life		Туре
	Number		storage			Acute	Chronic	НН-ОО	Type
1,1,2-Trichloroethane	79-00-5	5						89	С
Trichloroethylene	79-01-6	5						70	С
2,4,5-Trichlorophenol	95-95-4							600	
2,4,6-Trichlorophenol	88-06-2	32						28	С
2-(2,4,5-									
Trichlorophenoxy)propionic acid (Silvex)	93-72-1							400	
Vinyl chloride	75-01-4	2						16	С

- Notes applicable to the table of numeric criteria in Paragraph (1) of this subsection.
- 2865 (a) Where the letter "a" is indicated in a cell, the criterion is hardness-based and can be referenced in Subsection I of 20.6.4.900 NMAC.
- 2867 (b) Where the letter "b" is indicated in a cell, the criterion can be referenced in Subsection C of 20.6.4.900 NMAC.
- 2869 (c) Criteria are in μ g/L unless otherwise indicated.
- 2870 (d) Abbreviations are as follows: CAS chemical abstracts service (see definition for "CAS number" in 20.6.4.7 NMAC); DWS domestic water supply; Irr/Irr storage- irrigation and
- 2872 irrigation storage; LW livestock watering; WH wildlife habitat; HH-OO human health-
- organism only; C criteria based on cancer-causing endpoint; P persistent toxic pollutant.
- 2874 (e) The criteria are based on analysis of an unfiltered sample unless otherwise indicated. The
- 2875 acute and chronic aquatic life criteria for aluminum are based on analysis of total recoverable
- aluminum in a sample that is filtered to minimize mineral phases as specified by the department.
- 2877 (f) The criteria listed under human health-organism only (HH-OO) are intended to protect
- 2878 human health when aquatic organisms are consumed from waters containing pollutants. These
- criteria do not protect the aquatic life itself; rather, they protect the health of humans who ingest
- 2880 fish or other aquatic organisms.
- 2881 (g) The dioxin criteria apply to the sum of the dioxin toxicity equivalents expressed as 2,3,7,8-
- 2882 TCDD dioxin.
- 2883 (h) The criteria for polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) apply to the sum of all congeners, to the
- sum of all homologs or to the sum of all aroclors.

- 2885 (i) The acute and chronic aquatic life criteria for dissolved aluminum only apply when the concurrent pH is less than 6.5 or greater than 9.0 S.U. If the concurrent pH is between 6.5 and 9.0 S.U. then the hardness-dependent total recoverable aluminum criteria in Paragraphs (1) and (2) of Subsection I of 20.6.4.900 NMAC apply.
 - **K.** The criteria for total ammonia consider sensitive freshwater mussel species in the family Unionidae, freshwater non-pulmonate snails, and *Oncorhynchus* spp. (a genus of fish in the family Salmonidae), hence further protecting the aquatic community. The total ammonia criteria magnitude is measured as Total Ammonia Nitrogen (TAN) mg/L. TAN is the sum of and TAN mg/L magnitude is derived as a function of pH and temperature (EPA 2013).
 - **L.** The acute aquatic life criteria for TAN (mg/L) was derived by the EPA (2013) as the one-hour average concentration of TAN mg/L that shall not be exceeded more than once every three years on average. The EPA acute criterion magnitude was derived using the following equation:

Acute TAN Criterion Magnitude for 1-hour average= MIN

T (temperature C) and pH are defined as the paired values associated with the TAN sample.

	Ten	npe	ratı	ıre	(°C)															
pН	0- 10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
6.5	51	48	44	41	37	34	32	29	27	25	23	21	19	18	16	15	14	13	12	11	9.9
6.6	49	46	42	39	36	33	30	28	26	24	22	20	18	17	16	14	13	12	11	10	9.5
6.7	46	44	40	37	34	31	29	27	24	22	21	19	18	16	15	14	13	12	11	9.8	9
6.8	44	41	38	35	32	30	27	25	23	21	20	18	17	15	14	13	12	11	10	9.2	8.5
6.9	41	38	35	32	30	28	25	23	21	20	18	17	15	14	13	12	11	10	9.4	8.6	7.9
7.0	38	35	33	30	28	25	23	21	20	18	17	15	14	13	12	11	10	9.4	8.6	7.9	7.3
7.1	34	32	30	27	25	23	21	20	18	17	15	14	13	12	11	10	9.3	8.5	7.9	7.2	6.7
7.2	31	29	27	25	23	21	19	18	16	15	14	13	12	11	9.8	9.1	8.3	7.7	7.1	6.5	6
7.3	27	26	24	22	20	18	17	16	14	13	12	11	10	9.5	8.7	8	7.4	6.8	6.3	5.8	5.3
7.4	24	22	21	19	18	16	15	14	13	12	11	9.8	9	8.3	7.7	7	6.5	6	5.5	5.1	4.7
7.5	21	19	18	17	15	14	13	12	11	10	9.2	8.5	7.8	7.2	6.6	6.1	5.6	5.2	4.8	4.4	4

7.6	18	17	15	14	13	12	11	10	9.3	8.6	7.9	7.3	6.7	6.2	5.7	5.2	4.8	4.4	4.1	3.8	3.5
7.7	15	14	13	12	11	10	9.3	8.6	7.9	7.3	6.7	6.2	5.7	5.2	4.8	4.4	4.1	3.8	3.5	3.2	2.9
7.8	13	12	11	10	9.3	8.5	7.9	7.2	6.7	6.1	5.6	5.2	4.8	4.4	4	3.7	3.4	3.2	2.9	2.7	2.5
7.9	11	9.9	9.1	8.4	7.7	7.1	6.6	3	5.6	5.1	4.7	4.3	4	3.7	3.4	3.1	2.9	2.6	2.4	2.2	2.1
8.0	8.8	8.2	7.6	7	6.4	5.9	5.4	5	4.6	4.2	3.9	3.6	3.3	3	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.2	2	1.9	1.7
8.1	7.2	6.8	6.3	5.8	5.3	4.9	4.5	4.1	3.8	3.5	3.2	3	2.7	2.5	2.3	2.1	2	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.4
8.2	6	5.6	5.2	4.8	4.4	4	3.7	3.4	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.4	2.3	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2
8.3	4.9	4.6	4.3	3.9	3.6	3.3	3.1	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.2	2	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1	1	0.96
8.4	4.1	3.8	3.5	3.2	3	2.7	2.5	2.3	2.1	2	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1	1	0.93	0.86	0.79
8.5	3.3	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.4	2.3	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1	0.98	0.9	0.83	0.77	0.71	0.65
8.6	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.2	2	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.1	1	0.96	0.88	0.81	0.75	0.69	0.63	0.58	0.54
8.7	2.3	2.2	2	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1	1	0.94	0.87	0.8	0.74	0.68	0.62	0.57	0.53	0.49	0.45
8.8	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1	1	0.93	0.86	0.79	0.73	0.67	0.62	0.57	0.52	0.48	0.44	0.41	0.37
8.9	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1	1	0.93	0.85	0.79	0.72	0.67	0.61	0.56	0.52	0.48	0.44	0.4	0.37	0.34	0.32
9.0	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1	1	0.93	0.86	0.79	0.73	0.67	0.62	0.57	0.52	0.48	0.44	0.41	0.37	0.34	0.32	0.29	0.27

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(1) Temperature and pH-dependent values of the acute TAN criterion magnitude - when *Oncorhynchus* spp. absent.

2900 (2) Temperature and pH-dependent values for the acute TAN criterion magnitude-2901 when *Oncorhynchus* spp. are present.

	Tem	perat	ure (°C)													
pН	0- 14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
6.5	33	33	32	29	27	25	23	21	19	18	16	15	14	13	12	11	9. 9
6.6	31	31	30	28	26	24	22	20	18	17	16	14	13	12	11	10	9. 5

6.7	30	30	29	27	24	22	21	19	18	16	15	14	13	12	11	9. 8	9
6.8	28	28	27	25	23	21	20	18	17	15	14	13	12	11	10	9. 2	8. 5
6.9	26	26	25	23	21	20	18	17	15	14	13	12	11	10	9. 4	8. 6	7. 9
7.0	24	24	23	21	20	18	17	15	14	13	12	11	10	9. 4	8. 6	8	7. 3
7.1	22	22	21	20	18	17	15	14	13	12	11	10	9. 3	8. 5	7. 9	7. 2	6. 7
7.2	20	20	19	18	16	15	14	13	12	11	9. 8	9. 1	8. 3	7. 7	7. 1	6. 5	6
7.3	18	18	17	16	14	13	12	11	10	9. 5	8. 7	8	7. 4	6. 8	6. 3	5. 8	5. 3
7.4	15	15	15	14	13	12	11	9. 8	9	8.	7. 7	7	6. 5	6	5. 5	5. 1	4. 7
7.5	13	13	13	12	11	10	9. 2	8. 5	7. 8	7. 2	6. 6	6. 1	5. 6	5. 2	4. 8	4. 4	4
7.6	11	11	11	10	9. 3	8. 6	7. 9	7. 3	6. 7	6. 2	5. 7	5. 2	4. 8	4. 4	4. 1	3.	3. 5
7.7	9.6	9. 6	9. 3	8. 6	7. 9	7. 3	6. 7	6. 2	5. 7	5. 2	4. 8	4. 4	4. 1	3. 8	3. 5	3. 2	3
7.8	8.1	8. 1	7. 9	7. 2	6. 7	6. 1	5. 6	5. 2	4. 8	4. 4	4	3. 7	3. 4	3. 2	2. 9	2. 7	2. 5
7.9	6.8	6. 8	6. 6	6	5. 6	5. 1	4. 7	4. 3	4	3. 7	3. 4	3. 1	2. 9	2. 6	2. 4	2. 2	2. 1
8.0	5.6	5. 6	5. 4	5	4. 6	4. 2	3. 9	3. 6	3. 3	3	2. 8	2. 6	2. 4	2. 2	2	1. 9	1. 7
8.1	4.6	4. 6	4. 5	4. 1	3. 8	3. 5	3. 2	3	2. 7	2. 5	2. 3	2. 1	2	1. 8	1. 7	1. 5	1. 4

M. The chronic aquatic life criteria for TAN (mg/L) was derived by the EPA (2013) as a thirty-day rolling average concentration of TAN mg/L that shall not be exceeded more than once every three years on average. In addition, the highest four-day average within the 30-day averaging period should not be more than 2.5 times the CCC (e.g., 2.5 x 1.9 mg TAN/L at pH 7 and 20°C, or 4.8 mg TAN/L) more than once in three years on average. The EPA chronic criterion magnitude was derived using the following equation:

Chronic TAN Criterion Magnitude for 30-day average=

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T (temperature °C) and pH are defined as the paired values associated with the TAN sample.

Temperature and pH-Dependent Values of the Chronic TAN Criterion Magnitude.

	Tem	pera	atur	e (°	C)																		
pН	0-7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	28	29	30

6.5	4.9	4.6	4.3	4.1	3.8	3.6	3.3	3.1	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.1	2	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1
6.6	4.8	4.5	4.3	4	3.8	3.5	3.3	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.1	2	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.1
6.7	4.8	4.5	4.2	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.2	3	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1
6.8	4.6	4.4	4.1	3.8	3.6	3.4	3.2	3	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.1	2	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.1
6.9	4.5	4.2	4	3.7	3.5	3.3	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.1	2	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1	1
7.0	4.4	4.1	3.8	3.6	3.4	3.2	3	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.2	2	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.1	1
7.1	4.2	3.9	3.7	3.5	3.2	3	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1	1	1
7.2	4	3.7	3.5	3.3	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.1	2	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.1	1	1	0.9
7.3	3.8	3.5	3.3	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.6	2.4	2.2	2.1	2	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.1	1	1	0.9	0.9
7.4	3.5	3.3	3.1	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.1	2	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.1	1	1	0.9	0.9	0.8
7.5	3.2	3	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1	1	1	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7
7.6	2.9	2.8	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.1	2	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.1	1	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7
7.7	2.6	2.4	2.3	2.2	2	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.1	1	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6
7.8	2.3	2.2	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1	1	1	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5
7.9	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1	1	1	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5
8.0	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.1	1	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
8.1	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.1	1	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
8.2	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1	1	1	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
8.3	1.1	1.1	1	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
8.4	1	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2
8.5	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
8.6	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
8.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1
8.8	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
8.9	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

9.0	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1

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