

Notice of Public Hearing on Pueblo of Laguna Proposed Water Quality Standards

The Pueblo of Laguna Council, through the Environmental and Natural Resources Department (ENRD), is proposing Water Quality Standards to protect, maintain and improve the quality of Laguna waters for the habitation, growth, and propagation of native and other desirable aquatic plant and animal life; to protect existing and future domestic, cultural, agricultural, recreational and industrial uses; and to protect any other existing and future beneficial uses of Laguna waters, including economic uses. The Pueblo of Laguna Council also recognizes that the Pueblo's waters are an extraordinary resource and wishes to ensure their protection so that the traditional and cultural uses of those waters may continue. Therefore, these standards: (1) Designate Existing and Attainable uses for which the Pueblo's waters shall be protected; (2) Prescribe Water Quality Standards to sustain these Designated Uses; and (3) Assure that degradation of Pueblo waters shall be minimized and that economic growth shall occur consistent with protecting the quality of the Pueblo's water resources. Pursuant to 33 USC Section 1313(c), the Pueblo is accepting public comments on the these Standards..

Copies of the proposed Water Quality Standards are available at the Pueblo of Laguna Tribal Administration building at 22 Capital Road, Laguna, NM 87026, phone (505) 552-6654 and online at [http://www.lagunapueblo-nsn.gov/Enviromental and Natural Resources Department.aspx](http://www.lagunapueblo-nsn.gov/Enviromental%20and%20Natural%20Resources%20Department.aspx).

Interested persons should submit written comments and/or attend and comment at a public hearing to be held on October 1, 2013 from 5-9pm at the Kawaika Center Theater, 22 Bay Tree Road, Paraje, NM. Written comments will be given the same consideration as comments made in person. Written comments must be postmarked or received by October 5, 2013. Send written comments to the Pueblo of Laguna Environmental and Natural Resources Department (ENRD), P.O. Box 194, Laguna, NM 87026, or email written comments to info.enrd@lagunapueblo-nsn.gov. All comments submitted will be available as part of the administrative record, and will be available for inspection from October 5 – October 19, 2013.

For additional information please contact Adam Ringia, Director, ENRD, at 505-552-7512. If auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations are needed to participate in the public comment hearing, please call (505) 552-7512 no later than two weeks prior to the hearing. Pueblo of Laguna language Interpreters will be available at the hearing.