

NMMA 2019 Annual Meeting Environment Committee Report



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Water Quality Issues:

- Triennial Review of Surface Water Quality Standards
- Waters of the U.S. Rule and Litigation
 - State of New Mexico's Withdrawal from Lawsuit
 - NMED Comments on EPA/ACOE Proposed Rule
- Copper Flat Mine Discharge Permit WQCC Hearing
- Petition to Amend Standards—San Isidro Arroyo Watershed
- Gold King Mine
- PFAS

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Air Quality Issues:

- Total Suspended Particulates Standard Repeal
 - NMED Guidance Published
- Dust Control Rule
 - Currently in effect in Dona Ana and Luna Counties
 - Exemptions for Air Quality and Mining Act Permit Holders
- Ozone
- Methane Strategy Development

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Mining Act and Local Mine Regulation Issues:

- Mt. Taylor Mine Appeal
- Santa Fe Mining Ordinance Amendments

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Other Issues:

- EPA's withdrawal of proposed rule to require hard rock mines to provide financial assurance under CERCLA 108(b)
 - EPA's Decision Upheld on Appeal
- BLM ROD for Copper Flat Mine
- BLM Carlsbad District Resource Management Plan Update