



# New Mexico Environment Department

## New Mexico June 2020 AWOP R6/R7 Remote Update

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# Focus Area

- Since our last meeting in Feb. 2020, we have been training new staff on AWOP where possible
  - Prior to COVID-19 public health orders, we had planned to go out to systems with current & historical DBP issues to collect EP & compliance distribution sites using set-aside legislative \$ for compliance assistance
  - Majority of \$ has now been granted towards free on-line training opportunities for operator credit hours, which were not previously available in New Mexico
  - We will not be able to complete this sampling plan, as the budget for this money ends June 30.



# Focus Area

- Maintaining the program during COVID-19 stay-at-home order
- Activities:
  - Funding Capacity Reviews
    - WTB
    - Colonias
    - DWSRLF
  - HB 548 assistance
  - Water quality/outage/BWA assistance
    - Customers at home changing water demand & water quality reporting
  - Tabulating DWB & NMRWA COVID-19 survey data for NM PWSs



# Action Items Update

- Actions Items addressed:
  - National Turbidity & DBP reporting
  - Re-focus distribution PBT to CTA approach for water systems with DBP exceedances
    - Continue working with systems out of compliance for DBPs via individualized phone-based assistance



# Action Items Update

- Action items not yet addressed:
  - Update AWOP Webpage
  - Re-rank Status Component
  - Work with compliance manager to incorporate AWOP with rule managers & compliance staff (position is now filled by a long-term DWB staff member that has participated in AWOP PBT training)
  - Microbial PBT follow-up (conference call)
  - Begin working with EPA R8 & Colorado for CPE training



# Potential discussion topics

- Updating trainings for current social distancing requirements (on-line based, webinar, etc.)
- Updating operator certification testing opportunities
- Expanding/Maintaining AWOP activities during stay-at-home public health orders