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Subject: RE: Produced Water Reuse Petition Hearing Tomorrow
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Thank you, Secretary. As per our huddle discussion, we need everyone's commitment to get this over the finished line.

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Importance: High

Good morning -

You (or your designee) or someone who works for you serve on the Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC). As discussed in the Climate, Energy and Natural Resources Huddle, the administration is supportive of the produced water reuse petition which the WQCC will administratively take up tomorrow. The Commissioners will vote to accept or decline the petition and assign a hearing officer. Following the petition acceptance, a hearing officer will be assigned. Currently, NMED has one hearing officer, Felicia Orth. Once the hearing officer is assigned, that person will reach out to WQCC members about scheduling the in-person hearing. The preferred location for the hearing is Lea or

Eddy County for two weeks in late October or early November. Per the GO, the statutorily named person to the WQCC will need to participate vs your designee. Please discuss this petition your designee or those who work for you. Any concerns about the petition can be addressed during the fall hearing. Please reach out to me if your staff have concerns about the petition or if you are asked to meet with industry or NGOs about it.

The agenda for the WQCC hearing is attached for your reference. There is a public comment portion of the agenda tomorrow where I would expect pro/con members of the public to speak. In addition, state legislators are already weighing in support of the petition and holding the hearing in Jal.

Thank you,
Secretary Kenney (he/him)
New Mexico Environment Department
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