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SENATE BILL 738

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT; CREATING A TECHNICAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE CREATED-- DUTIES
AND POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE. --

A. The "wastewater technical advisory committee" is
created. The committee shall consist of five members to be
appointed by and to serve at the pleasure of the secretary of
environment. The members shall include:

(1) a wastewater treatment system engineer
with at least ten years of experience in wastewater system
design and construction;

(2) a faculty member from a university or
college located within New Mexico with a minimum of a master's

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1 degree in biological science, microbiology, soil science or
2 engineering, and with a minimum of ten years of work or
3 academic experience with wastewater treatment or wastewater
4 treatment facility management;

5 (3) a representative from the New Mexico state
6 university water utilities technical assistance program; and

7 (4) a class IV certified wastewater operator
8 with at least ten years of experience.

9 B. The term of appointed members shall be three
10 years. Members shall serve until their successors are
11 appointed. Vacancies occurring in the membership of an
12 appointed member shall be filled by the secretary for the
13 remainder of the unexpired term.

14 C. The committee shall conduct open meetings as
15 needed, but not less than quarterly.

16 D. The department of environment shall provide
17 technical and legal assistance to the committee as needed.

18 E. The committee shall:

19 (1) establish procedures, practices and
20 policies governing the committee's activities;

21 (2) provide standardized objective evaluation
22 of wastewater treatment and disposal technologies for both
23 large- and small-flow domestic, commercial and agricultural
24 wastewater systems and submit its findings to the secretary for
25 final approval by the secretary, who shall add the wastewater

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1 treatment and disposal technologies to the list of approved
2 technologies maintained by the department, including the ground
3 water quality bureau and the liquid waste program of the field
4 operations division of the department of environment and their
5 constituent agencies; and

6 (3) maintain a current list of approved
7 wastewater technologies accessible by the public on the
8 department's internet site.

9 F. Members of the committee shall receive
10 reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performance of their
11 duties pursuant to the Per Diem and Mileage Act and shall
12 receive no other compensation, perquisite or allowance.
13 Expenditures for this purpose shall be made from the budgeted
14 funds of the department.