

F. Toxic Pollutants: Surface waters of the state shall be free of toxic pollutants attributable to discharges in amounts, concentrations or combinations which affect the propagation of fish or which are toxic to fish or other aquatic organisms; wildlife using aquatic environments for habitation or aquatic organisms for food; or to livestock or other animals; except that the use of a piscicide registered under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), 7 U.S.C. Section 136 *et seq.*, and under the New Mexico Pesticide Control Act (NMPCA), Section 76-4-1 *et seq.* NMSA 1978 (1973), shall not be a violation of Subsection F of this section when such use has been approved by the commission. Any person seeking commission approval of the use of a piscicide shall file a written petition with the commission. The petition shall contain, at a minimum, the following information: (1) petitioner's name and address; (2) identity of the piscicide; (3) documentation of registration under FIFRA and NMPCA; (4) target and potential non-target species, including threatened or endangered species; (5) potential environmental consequences and protocols for limiting such impacts; (6) affected surface water of the state; (7) results of pre-treatment survey; (8) evaluation of available alternatives and justification for selecting piscicide use; (9) post-treatment assessment monitoring protocol; and (10) any other information required by the commission. The commission shall review the petition and require a public hearing in the locality affected by the proposed use in accordance with Adjudicatory Procedures, 20.1.3 NMAC. In addition to the public notice requirements in Adjudicatory Procedures, 20.1.3 NMAC, the petitioner shall provide written notice to (1) local political subdivisions; (2) local water planning entities; (3) local conservancy and irrigation districts; and (4) local media outlets, except that the petitioner shall only be required to publish notice in a newspaper of circulation in the locality affected by the proposed use. After a public hearing, the commission may grant the petition in whole or in part, may grant the petition subject to conditions, or may deny the petition. In granting any petition in whole or part or subject to conditions, the commission shall require the petitioner to implement post-treatment assessment monitoring. Pursuant to this section, the chronic standard for the use to be protected shall be as set out in 20.6.4.900 NMAC. For a toxic pollutant not listed in 20.6.4.900 NMAC, the following provisions shall be applied in numeric order in accordance with 20.6.4.10, 20.6.4.11 and 20.6.4.13 NMAC.