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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### BECQ RELEASES CNMI 2022 DRAFT 305(b) and 303(d) WATER QUALITY ASSESSMENT INTEGRATED REPORT

The CNMI Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ), Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ), under the Office of the Governor, hereby notifies the public that the Draft 2022 305(b) and 303(d) Water Quality Assessment Integrated Report and supporting documents have been made available for public review on DEQ's web page [www.deq.gov.mp](http://www.deq.gov.mp).  
URL: <https://www.deq.gov.mp/water-quality-surveillance-non-point-source.html>.

Sections 303(d) and 305(b) of the U.S. Clean Water Act require that all states and territories, including the CNMI, monitor and assess all waters within the state and report the results to the public, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), and the U.S. Congress every two years. Prior to final submittal to USEPA and the U.S. Congress, public review is required and BECQ must address comments received by the public.

BECQ invites the public to review and provide comment on the 2022 Integrated Report, by submitting written comments in person to the BECQ office at the Gualo Rai Center on Middle Road (across from the Subway restaurant), by mail, or email.

Mailed comments should be addressed to Mr. Eli D. Cabrera, Administrator, Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, P.O. Box 501304, Saipan, MP, 95950. Emailed comments should be written to: [cnmi.waterquality@gmail.com](mailto:cnmi.waterquality@gmail.com).

Comments should contain the subject line "2022 IR Comments" or similar. All comments must be received by BECQ no later than **October 19th, 2022**, in order for the comments to be considered by BECQ in the preparation of the final Integrated Report.

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