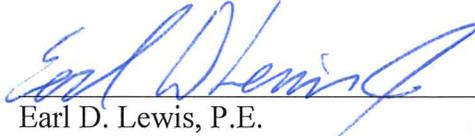




procedures to be followed at the public hearing, setting applicable deadlines, and considering all other matter necessary for conducting the public hearing.

6. The public hearing will be held on January 13, 2026, in-person at the Wichita County fairgrounds in Leoti, Kansas and will begin at 9:00 a.m. central time.
7. The Chief Engineer will act as the hearing officer for the public hearing, and GMD1 and KDA-DWR will be formal parties to the public hearing.
8. The public hearing will be consolidated as provided for in K.A.R. 5-19-3(h) and will consider whether one or more of the circumstances specified in subsection (a) through (d) of K.S.A. 82a-1036 exist within the boundaries of the proposed LEMA, whether the public interest of K.S.A. 82a-1020 requires that one or more corrective control provisions be adopted, and whether the geographic boundaries of the proposed LEMA are reasonable, and will also consider the LEMA's proposed corrective controls, the likelihood that the LEMA plan will achieve the stated goals, and any other matters the Chief Engineer deems necessary.
9. The public hearing will consist of a formal phase and an informal phase. During the formal phase of the public hearing, GMD1 will present its testimony first, followed by DWR. During the informal phase of the public hearing, all parties not participating in the formal phase, including parties affected by the proposed LEMA, organizations, and any interested members of the public, will have an opportunity to provide oral and written testimony.
10. During both the formal and informal phases of the hearing, the Chief Engineer may ask clarifying questions of witnesses providing oral testimony, and the formal parties will also be permitted to ask clarifying questions of each other during the formal phase of the public hearing. The rules of evidence will not be strictly adhered to, including during the formal phase of the hearing, and all clarifying questions should avoid taking the form of cross examination.
11. During the public hearing, the Chief Engineer will apply procedures that provide all parties a reasonable opportunity to be heard and present evidence and will give effect, as determined reasonable, to the privileges listed in K.S.A. 60-426 through 60-436 and any other privileges recognized by law.
12. Both formal and informal parties may submit written testimony in advance of the hearing as well as following the conclusion of the hearings. Such testimony will be included in the hearing record and will be considered along with all other evidence presented. Written testimony submitted following the conclusion of the hearing may include rebuttal testimony. The deadline for the submission of written testimony following the hearing will be January 27, 2023. Following the close of the hearing record on that date, I will determine whether the corrective controls proposed in the LEMA Management Plan should be accepted or rejected or if modifications to the plan should be proposed.

**IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 19TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2025.**



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On this 23rd day of December 2025, I hereby certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing Prehearing Order was sent by electronic mail to:

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