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**Subject:** FW: [EXT] Science Journalist & Author Seeking to Make Comment At Thursday's Public Hearing on Oil & Gas Produced Water, Documents Attached  
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**Attachments:** [Peter Gray NORM Contamination in the Petroleum Industry, 1993 Society of Petroleum Engineers.pdf](#)  
[1982 API Analysis of RADIONUCLIDES in oil and gas industry.pdf](#)

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**From:** Justin Nobel <justinnobel@gmail.com>  
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Dear Florene,

I hope this note finds you well. I write on issues of science and the environment for a number of different US magazines and investigative sites and for the past three years I have been researching and reporting on the topic of the radioactivity brought to the surface in oil and gas production and the many different pathways of contamination posed to the industry's workers, the public and communities and the environment. It's a complex and far-reaching topic. In January I published a lengthy article with Rolling Stone magazine, [America's Radioactive Secret](#), and I am presently working on a book to be published with Simon & Schuster. In my reporting and research I have gained a significant expertise in the topic of oilfield waste, including waste streams such as produced water, and I am looking to join the list of commenters for the **Thursday July 30th Public Hearing on the Proposed Rule Regarding Oil & Gas Industry Produced Water**.

Attached are two important early oil and gas industry documents that I plan to refer to in my comments. If you could please make sure these documents are made available to the public and members of the Commission. I will submit my written comments upon making my statement, as appropriately directed by you. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Thanks very much for your time and attention.

Sincerely,  
Justin Nobel

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