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I am very concerned with the lack of transparency I have observed regarding the protocol and content of the upcoming hearings. Actually this reflects the lack of consideration the OCC has shown in its responsibility to address the needs and wishes of the people of New Mexico. The lack of standards or safeguards in the area of fracking (toxic waste) is absolutely inexcusable. We look to our government agencies to have processes to research science, present sound planning and recommendations, solicit public input and assure safe practices through requirements of those who use our resources and employ our people.

New Mexicans have a right to expect its governmental agencies to secure sound agreements for providing our natural resources to be brought into use for fair economic value and return. And to assure the processes used to do so are employed to give safety and environmental protection to those who live here now and in the future.

Fracking is a most undesirable method for getting fossil fuels because it always produces toxic, high risk radioactive waste that contaminates by accident, dumping and extraction. It uses fresh water in our state that is known to be arid desert and in danger of constant drought in the near future. We need that water for sustaining our people through agriculture and commerce as well as daily living. Prognosticators indicate that fracking and the oil and gas industry will be diminishing in the not too distant future. This will leave us with wastelands, clean-up costs, environmental degradation and major health issues.

I ask that you use the hearings to begin to formulate sound rules, standards and safeguards. And that you then submit them for public scrutiny and scientific review before securing them.

At the present moment it is clear that oil and gas have the upper hand economically and politically and the state is being taken advantage of. I protest and will continue to work for "a better deal" for New Mexico.

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