

## OCC Hearing Exhibit 22

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**Subject:** [EXT] Regulations to govern Produced Water  
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Oil Conservation Division  
Commission Clerk

Dear Commission,

I urge you to put the brakes on your proposal to amend regulations regarding the use of "produced water" in New Mexico. The proposed rules have been too hastily prepared with no meaningful public outreach or pre-rulemaking engagement of the public or impacted communities. More due diligence, analysis, and outreach should be undertaken before proposing any new regulations regarding produced water.

The rules must protect the environment, public health, and freshwater resources. There must be criteria or standards to ensure that "produced water" is managed safely.

Precious fresh water should not be used in oil and gas extraction, including during drilling, fracking, and production. There is simply no way the Commission should allow this toxic, radioactive waste to be safely transported, handled, or used.

Thank you for hearing my concerns,  
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