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From: Sandra Wheeler <wheelsand@yahoo.com>
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To: Davidson, Florene, EMNRD <florene.davidson@state.nm.us>
Subject: [EXT] My written comments on amending the rules about produced water

NOTE THAT I REQUESTED THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE PUBLIC COMMENT YESTERDAY AT ABOUT 1:15 PM

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My name is Sandra Wheeler and I live in Farmington in San Juan County where everyone lives near fracking sites.

Because the term “produced water” is obviously designed by the legislature to hide the poisonous reality, I’m very suspicious of everything related to this bill and want strong protections against its dangers. So I particularly commend you for beginning to correct some of its trickier language.

To protect us all from the toxins in fracking waste water, I ask you:

to regulate toxic fracking waste water in ways that will protect public health, agriculture, wildlife, and the environment as authorized by the Produced Water Act.

to require oil and gas operators to submit more and better data about the quality and quantity of their toxic fracking waste water and to verify such data.

to prohibit the use of toxic fracking waste water for any purpose and in any location other than for reuse in further fracking operations and to specify sufficiently strong deterrent and enforcement mechanisms.

to prohibit the use of toxic fracking waste from any other purpose and in any location other than reuse in further fracking operations and to specify sufficiently strong deterrent and enforcement mechanisms until a consensus of independent and objective studies proves that toxic fracking waste water can be successfully treated to remove or neutralize toxins to a level sufficient to protect the health and safety of humans, agriculture, wildlife, and the environment.

to require oil and gas operators to clean up and remediate all spills and leaks of toxic fracking waste water and that you establish sufficiently strong deterrent and enforcement mechanisms. to protect the health and safety of humans, agriculture, wildlife, and the environment from such spills and leaks.

to prohibit contact of toxic fracking waste water with any fresh water, including both surface and ground water, to specify sufficiently strong deterrent and enforcement mechanism, and to provide sufficient oversight to ensure effective remediation of any and all such unauthorized contact.

I realize I am asking you for levels of oversight you may not have the budget to provide. That doesn’t reduce the need for oversight. I can’t imagine any group of human beings who would be entirely capable of self policing when it’s costly to them.

And I recognize I’m asking for a lot of protections. I hope you recognize that without them, we are all in real danger of abuse for the short term gain of the oil and gas industry.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment. And I thank you for your consideration.

Sent from my iPhone