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Dear Ms. Davidson

I had planned to attend the hearings on proposed New Mexico Fracking Rules, but I have been placed on our local District Court jury duty roster for November. I am scheduled to appear for duty on Thursday, Nov. 17th. Due to unknown circumstances, I will not be able to attend the Fracking Hearings.

I hope you will consider my short comments on Oil and Gas Fracking in New Mexico.

I am a life long resident of San Juan County. As you know, our area is one of the largest natural gas fields in the USA. There are tens of thousands of gas wells already drilled with a potential for several thousand new wells in the near future.

Scientific studies are showing that fracking may be causing toxic contamination of underground water sources all over the USA. It is my understanding that Toxics that can be traced to fracking practices are showing up in newly contaminated water wells.

Hundreds of thousands of people living in New Mexico depend on precious water well sources for survival. Fracking in New Mexico must be very carefully regulated and strict enforcement is necessary. All fracking compounds must be stated by the companies. The so called "proprietary" mystery fracking concoctions should not be kept secret. The people of New Mexico depend on safe water and must be made aware of what is being introduced into our underground and above ground environment. Once a water table is contaminated, it is ruined. My Father was a water well driller in the San Juan Basin for decades, so I know this to be a fact.

Protection of OUR precious New Mexico water must be the top priority in any rule making !

Thank you

Sincerely
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ps We live within the City of Aztec and there are at least 20 gas wells in or very near our heavily populated neighborhood !