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New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
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Dear Commissioners,

My name is Ford Stone.

I have lived in Carlsbad New Mexico since 1978.

I am greatly concerned about the possible contamination of our groundwater supply here in Carlsbad.

Due to industry standard practice, use of PFAs
— and possibly many other chemicals injurious to human health — may legitimately be inferred to have been used in drilling our very many surrounding oil and gas wells.

PFAs chemicals are used as admixtures to drilling lubricants. It's important to note that these lubricants are used from the start of the drilling process, prior to installation of any kind of well casing, and, pumped under pressure, readily penetrate the pores and fissures of the freshly exposed rock strata through which the well is being drilled.

Due to provisions in the law that offer protection from disclosure, under the guise of their being trade secrets, neither I, nor any other of my fellow citizens have been given any knowledge whatsoever of the extent to which such chemicals have been deployed, and therefore to what extent our water supply has been or or continues to be subject to being compromised, nor to the extent to which we — and future citizens of Carlsbad — may have incurred profound risks to our health either now or in the future.
This is a situation that simply cannot be allowed to continue.

Thus it is that I am strongly in support of the petition to institute a rule making process governing the use of PFAS submitted to you by WildEarth Guardians.

It seems the least we can do.

Thank you.

Ford Stone
Citizens Caring For the Future
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