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**To:** [Apodaca, Sheila, EMNRD](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] I support the application to prohibit PFAS and require disclosure of chemicals used in oil and gas operations  
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Sincerely,  
Abby Shepard  
Santa Fe, NM 87507

**From:** [AJ Cho](#)  
**To:** [Apodaca, Sheila, EMNRD](#)  
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San Leandro, CA 94579

**From:** [Arnold Farley](#)  
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Arnold Farley  
Corrales, NM 87048

**From:** [barbara lenssen](#)  
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Sincerely,  
barbara lenssen  
2227 Calle Cacique  
Santa Fe, NM 87505



**From:** [Bill Bright](#)  
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Bill Bright  
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Gallup, NM 87301

**From:** [Bo Bergstrom](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Bo Bergstrom  
Silver City, NM 88061

**From:** [Brook Bernini](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Brook Bernini  
Albuquerque, NM 87106

**From:** [Carol A Sassaman](#)  
**To:** [Apodaca, Sheila, EMNRD](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Carol A Sassaman  
PO Box 305  
Hanover, NM 88041



**From:** [Cheryl Hastings](#)  
**To:** [Apodaca, Sheila, EMNRD](#)  
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Sincerely,  
Cheryl Hastings  
PO Box 207  
Datil, NM 87821

**From:** [Deborah Holloway](#)  
**To:** [Apodaca, Sheila, EMNRD](#)  
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Please remember that your charge is to protect the people of New Mexico and to nurture the wellbeing of this state for generations to come. Knowingly permitting the introduction of toxic and carcinogenic chemicals into our precious drinking water is an abdication of that trust. Please act for all of us!

Sincerely,  
Deborah Holloway  
1420 Don Gaspar Ave  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

**From:** [Esther Jantzen](#)  
**To:** [Apodaca, Sheila, EMNRD](#)  
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Over the last year I have become better educated about the shocking dangers of poisonous chemicals used by the oil and gas industry in New Mexico without regard for the effect of those chemicals on the water and soil that supports our citizens' lives. I am horrified by how little our governmental bodies do to protect us, and how readily they protect large profit-driven corporations. Please take this issue VERY seriously!

Therefore I strongly support a prohibition on PFAS and PFOA in oil and gas operations and a requirement to disclose chemicals used in downhole operations because:

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Esther Jantzen  
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Albuquerque, NM 87110

**From:** [Ginny Schneider](#)  
**To:** [Apodaca, Sheila, EMNRD](#)  
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Our families, friends, neighbors, and especially children deserve clean water and a safe environment. Please act now to prohibit PFAS, PFOA and related chemicals.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Heather Karlson  
Santa Fe, NM 87504



**From:** [Hubert Allen](#)  
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I am a status by training and I work a lot in public health and this PFAS issue is very important to me.

Sincerely, Hubert Allen

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Sincerely,  
Hubert Allen  
Albuquerque, NM 87122

**From:** [John Stearns](#)  
**To:** [Apodaca, Sheila, EMNRD](#)  
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John Stearns  
Placitas, NM 87043

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Roswell, NM 88203

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Sincerely,  
Meg meltz  
Santa Fe, NM 87508

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Sincerely,  
Mercediez Silva  
Albuquerque, NM 87107

**From:** [Merilynn Hidalgo](#)  
**To:** [Apodaca, Sheila, EMNRD](#)  
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Thank you for consideration of my comment.

Sincerely,  
Merilynn Hidalgo  
Albuquerque, NM 87114

**From:** [nancy.king](#)  
**To:** [Apodaca, Sheila, EMNRD](#)  
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Sincerely,  
nancy king  
santa fe, NM 87501

**From:** [Nancy Woodward](#)  
**To:** [Apodaca, Sheila, EMNRD](#)  
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Nancy Woodward  
SANTA FE, NM 87505

**From:** [Nodiah Brent](#)  
**To:** [Apodaca, Sheila, EMNRD](#)  
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protect the people?

Sincerely,  
Nodiah Brent  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

**From:** [Pamela Gilchrist](#)  
**To:** [Apodaca, Sheila, EMNRD](#)  
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Companies can reveal the fracking chemicals injected into each well without the trade names of the products used - the same way food producers disclose individual ingredients while keeping their recipes secret.

In a 2018 water plan released during her gubernatorial campaign, Michelle Lujan Grisham promised that “[as] governor” she would “[r]equire mandatory disclosure of what chemicals are used in hydraulic fracturing to better protect groundwater.”

Sincerely,  
Pamela Gilchrist  
74 Monte Alto Rd  
Santa Fe, NM 87508

**From:** [Rebecca Juterbock](#)  
**To:** [Apodaca, Sheila, EMNRD](#)  
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Algodones, NM 87001

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Sincerely,  
Ron Abramshe  
Bernalillo, NM 87004

**From:** [Stephen Schmidt](#)  
**To:** [Apodaca, Sheila, EMNRD](#)  
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