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Dylan M. Fuga, Deputy Secretary
State of New Mexico
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
NM Oil Conservation Commission
Wendell Chino Building
1220 South Saint Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Case No. 23580 - NM Oil Conservation Commission to amend New Mexico oil and gas regulations to prohibit PFAS and require chemical disclosure

NM Oil Conservation Commission:

Bueno Dias de le Dios. For the public record, my name is Jose Anguamea Lorenzo Villegas, Sr.

On behalf of my indigenous communities of El Valle de La Cieneguilla Land Grant Association and the Texas Band of Yaqui Indians, Tribal Administrator – Government Affairs (DC), I would like to submit my (507 words) statement to the NM Oil Conservation Commission.

In a recent Santa Fe New Mexican article, the NM Oil Conservation Commissioner (William Ampomah), the designee for the Energy Minerals and Natural Resources Department stated, *“that he like to see more **New Mexico specific data** presented “You’re asking a big ask of the Commission,” Ampomah said, “One is banning PFAS and the other is banning all undisclosed chemicals...I want to see **“real data”** in our state that should push us to more or less go the extreme of even banning undisclosed chemicals.”*

Understood! Here are my PFAS (**AFFF-Fire Fighting Foam – Industrial Chemical**) Blood Test and Results for this Commission to review, if you wish to do so; however, please respect the HIPPA provisions at the same time.

In the *real world* that we live daily in La Cieneguilla Pueblo – Santa Fe County with my family and neighbors, we do not deserve to be disrespected, dismissed, and ignored by the DoD, the NMED, the Governor, the EPA, and the municipalities that were supposed to protect us from an environmental justice violation in the first place. My family who reside the La Cieneguilla Pueblo over forty-eight years did not authorize and/or give permission to the government entities mentioned, to place us in irreparable harm and in danger with the

dangerous *industrial chemicals* that have contaminated our private wells, specifically, endangering our health, welfare and public safety.

Frankly, out of the six PFAS (i.e., PFOA, PFOS, PFNA, PFHxS, GenX) *industrial chemicals* that were identified by the EPA to be “Hazardous Substance Materials,” three were identified to be in my blood system. And yes, I am a healthy Veteran Marine, and I am pissed!

In conclusion, so how much analytical “**real data**” from New Mexico does this Commission really need to make a public policy decision to protect our indigenous communities from throughout New Mexico from irreparable harm from the “undisclosed chemicals” that the Corporate Oil & Gas Industry has identified as a “trade secret” and attempting to hide from us. Instead of catering to the Corporate Oil Gas Industry to increase their profit margins, this Commission should **mandate** to require the allocation funding sources to pay for conducting an “Environmental Community Health Assessment - PFAS Blood Study” in my indigenous community where my family and neighbors have gotten medically sick and dying from these dangerous hazardous chemicals in Santa Fe and throughout the State of New Mexico. Ya Basta! That’s Enough! Asi es! (It’s Done!)

Thank you.



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