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I strongly oppose the use of toxic waste byproducts of the fracking industry for any public purpose. In 1982, Times Beach, MO was notified that their town would be evacuated and demolished due to dioxin being sprayed on its unpaved roads, costing federal and state governments \$36 million dollars. Town officials had paid a local waste hauler to spray oil on the roads to keep the dust down. He mixed waste materials with the oil and sprayed this carcinogenic cocktail all over town.

The oil and gas industry refuses to release the list of chemicals used in fracking, claiming they are proprietary formulas. They are labeled highly toxic, flammable, and after extraction of the chemicals from the ground may contain radioactive material. In the light of these facts, and so as not to repeat the above disaster in New Mexico, I request you abandon your plans for any rulemaking that would authorize the dumping of oil and gas industry wastewater into New Mexico's streams, drinking water supplies, and on crops. The last thing New Mexico should be contemplating is allowing the oil and gas industry to poison the state's dwindling, irreplaceable water supplies.

Instead of allowing the fracking industry to dump their waste on New Mexico, please redirect your agencies to develop and implement aggressive and effective water conservation and watershed resilience strategies to meet our climate challenges.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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