

Medina, Joyce, NMENV

From: Sierra Club Membership Services [membership.services@sierraclub.org] on behalf of Rachel Freund [rainbow_raf@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2010 3:17 PM
To: Medina, Joyce, NMENV
Subject: Re: Proposed Amendment to 20.6.2 NMAC (Dairy Regulations)

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I ask you to adopt discharge permit regulations for the dairy industry that are the most protective of, and that will begin to more effectively safeguard our increasingly threatened water resources.

Sincerely,

Ms. Rachel Freund
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From: Sierra Club Membership Services [membership.services@sierraclub.org] on behalf of Susan Selbin [sselbin@hotmail.com]
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I recognize that market conditions are tough now. However, more comprehensive dairy discharge regulations that will be in effect for many years, should not be compromised to account for temporary market fluctuations. Further, industry leaders predict locally that business will be good again by summer.

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Sincerely,

Miss Susan Selbin
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Albuquerque, NM 87104-1965

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From: Sierra Club Membership Services [membership.services@sierraclub.org] on behalf of Martha Archuleta [gurule_87701@yahoo.com]
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Ms. Martha Archuleta
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Las Vegas, NM 87701-9502

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From: Sierra Club Membership Services [membership.services@sierraclub.org] on behalf of Judith Mccarthy [lascrucesjm@aol.com]
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Ms. Judith Mccarthy
2930 Claude Dove Dr
Las Cruces, NM 88011-4892

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From: Sierra Club Membership Services [membership.services@sierraclub.org] on behalf of Betsy Fuller [betsyfuller@comcast.net]
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Ms. Betsy Fuller
2229 San Felipe
Las Cruces, NM 88011-9059

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From: Sierra Club Membership Services [membership.services@sierraclub.org] on behalf of Catharine P Stringfellow [o2binm@yahoo.com]
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We must NOT be shortsighted in the protection of our environment.

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Sincerely,

Ms. Catharine P Stringfellow
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From: Sierra Club Membership Services [membership.services@sierraclub.org] on behalf of Linda Hone [hone@newmex.com]
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Ms. Linda Hone
PO Box 246
Taos, NM 87571-0246

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From: Sierra Club Membership Services [membership.services@sierraclub.org] on behalf of Scot Robinson [scot.robinson@cox.net]
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Sincerely,

Scot Robinson
620 Peaceful Meadows Dr NE
Rio Rancho, NM 87144-4068

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From: Sierra Club Membership Services [membership.services@sierraclub.org] on behalf of Barbara Carey [barbarateacher@comcast.net]
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Sincerely,

Barbara Carey
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From: Sierra Club Membership Services [membership.services@sierraclub.org] on behalf of Ron Herman [rherman847@aol.com]
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Albuquerque, NM 87110-4716

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From: Sierra Club Membership Services [membership.services@sierraclub.org] on behalf of Terri Turner [beentherebefore2000@yahoo.com]
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Ms. Terri Turner
833 Adams St NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110-6225

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From: Sierra Club Membership Services [membership.services@sierraclub.org] on behalf of M Shelton [merrishe@yahoo.com]
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Las Cruces, NM 88005-3026

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Rod Guinn
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Albuquerque, NM 87122-1278

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I ask of you to try to support more strong dairy discharge regulations in our beautiful state of New Mexico.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Sally and Dan Vance, Albuquerque, NM

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Sara Vance
7231 Cardiff Ave NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109-6069

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David Van Winkle
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Santa Fe, NM 87506-7938

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2207 Calle Cacique
Santa Fe, NM 87505-4944

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Artesia, NM 88210-9793

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Sincerely,

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Medina, Joyce, NMENV

From: Sierra Club Membership Services [membership.services@sierraclub.org] on behalf of Lisa Freeman [lisafreemanart@aol.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2010 9:17 PM
To: Medina, Joyce, NMENV
Subject: Re: Proposed Amendment to 20.6.2 NMAC (Dairy Regulations)

Apr 11, 2010

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From: Sierra Club Membership Services [membership.services@sierraclub.org] on behalf of Jason Gedmin [gedmin@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2010 11:18 PM
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From: Sierra Club Membership Services [membership.services@sierraclub.org] on behalf of Peter Terry [pterry@schroedersales.com]
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2010 9:19 AM
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Sincerely,

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From: Sierra Club Membership Services [membership.services@sierraclub.org] on behalf of Paul Vance [pvjs@swcp.com]
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2010 12:18 AM
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We cannot soil the house we live in. Didn't you listen to your Mother?

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Sincerely,

Mr. Paul Vance
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Medina, Joyce, NMENV

From: stephen verchinski [sverchinski@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2010 7:08 AM
To: Medina, Joyce, NMENV
Subject: comments as regarding the Matter of the Proposed Amendment to 20.6.2 NMAC (Dairy Regulations) Docket Number: WQCC 09-13 (R).

As a resident formerly of Old Messilla and having to deal with nearby operations I am appalled that the industry is not taking full responsibility for polluting. We need monitoring wells and better yet, why aren't the companies moving to incorporate methane digester systems?

Aside from the manure produced I have a specific concern regarding monitoring for antibiotic and other pharmaceuticals being injected into these animals and eventually hitting our water supplies.

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Albuquerque, NM 87110

Medina, Joyce, NMENV

From: Sierra Club Membership Services [membership.services@sierraclub.org] on behalf of Kathy Arneberg [darneberg1@comcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, April 10, 2010 11:45 AM
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Ms. Kathy Arneberg
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From: Sierra Club Membership Services [membership.services@sierraclub.org] on behalf of Rebecca Pease [rspease@rocketmail.com]
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From: Sierra Club Membership Services [membership.services@sierraclub.org] on behalf of Carol Elder [ptrseldr@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 10, 2010 11:45 AM
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Ms. Carol Elder
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Las Cruces, NM 88012-6051

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From: Sierra Club Membership Services [membership.services@sierraclub.org] on behalf of Frances Richardson [rikiravenspeaks@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 10, 2010 11:45 AM
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Sincerely,

Ms. Frances Richardson
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Albuquerque, NM 87112-6083

Medina, Joyce, NMENV

From: Sierra Club Membership Services [membership.services@sierraclub.org] on behalf of Brenda Proffitt [bjproffitt@comcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, April 10, 2010 11:44 AM
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Sincerely,

Brenda Proffitt
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Albuquerque, NM 87104-3201

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From: Sierra Club Membership Services [membership.services@sierraclub.org] on behalf of Donna Dufresne [dduda@taosnet.com]
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2010 1:49 PM
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Ms. Donna Dufresne
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El Prado, NM 87529-9520

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From: Sierra Club Membership Services [membership.services@sierraclub.org] on behalf of Mercedes Mckiernan [mfa8627@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2010 10:49 AM
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As a scientist - retired family medicine physician - I must join with the plea of the Sierra Club and others concerned about ground water quality. We can't rely on city water systems to protect our municipal water supplies, as long as sources of fecal contamination continue to increase, especially as a result of dairy waste.

Yours truly

Mercedes F. McKiernan, M.D.

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April 12, 2010

Water Quality Control Commission
c/o Joyce Medina, WQCC Administrator
1190 St. Francis Drive
P.O. Box 5469
Santa Fe, NM 87502

Re: Dairy Regulations, WQCC 09-13(R)

Dear Commissioners:

We are writing to express our opposition to the proposed rules dealing with the dairy industry submitted by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). These proposed rules would have severe negative implications for New Mexico and our community, without providing any clear environmental benefit.

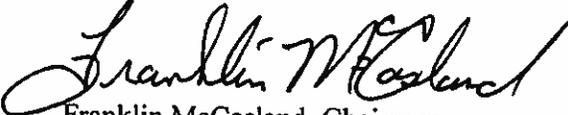
NMED's proposed regulations would impose strict new requirements for new dairies that are more stringent than regulations adopted by any other state without establishing the necessary scientific foundation. For example, many dairies would be required to install expensive double-liner systems for wastewater impoundments similar to those required for hazardous wastes, even though no state has ever required them for dairies. Clay liners, allowed under recent regulations adopted in neighboring states, would be banned in New Mexico.

In turn, NMED also proposes to require existing dairies to upgrade to meet the costly requirements for new dairies without scientifically demonstrating any meaningful protection to groundwater. No evidence that any drinking water well could be impacted is required before the new requirements are imposed. Most dairies are located in agricultural areas where shallow ground water has been impacted by several decades of human activity, including farming, and where only deeper, clean aquifers are used for drinking water. Indeed, NMED has identified septic systems as the largest polluter of ground water in New Mexico, with dairies responsible for less than 3% of ground water impacts.

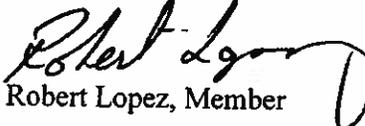
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We urge the Water Quality Control Commission to carefully consider all of the consequences of NMED's proposal. Simply put, please "Do not regulate our dairy industry out of the state!"

QUAY COUNTY COMMISSION,


Franklin McCasland, Chairman


Bill Curry, Member


Robert Lopez, Member

**QUAY COUNTY COMMISSION
2009-2010
RESOLUTION #54
OPPOSING DAIRY REGULATIONS**

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has proposed new regulations for New Mexico's dairies that could deal a crippling blow to dairies across the state; and

WHEREAS, NMED has not provided the economic impact or reasonableness of the proposed regulations on the New Mexico dairy industry, nor has it even estimated the cost for New Mexico dairies to comply with the proposed regulations; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico dairy industry has an estimated economic impact on the state's economy of over \$2 billion; and

WHEREAS, the economic activity generated by dairies is critical for counties and municipalities where these dairies are located; and

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) has scheduled a hearing on NMED's proposed regulations in Santa Fe, New Mexico, on April 13, 2010, and the WQCC will consider oral or written public comments as part of the proceeding;

WHEREAS, NMED's proposed regulations would substantially increase environmental compliance costs for New Mexico's dairies; and

WHEREAS, NMED's proposed regulations do not reflect the best available science for environmental protection within the dairy industry; and

WHEREAS, dairy producers recognize that water protection is vital, but the methods required for such protection under the proposed regulations must be proven, using sound science, to be effective and achievable; and

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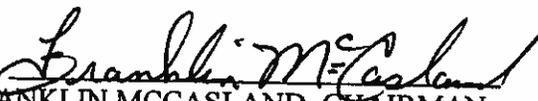
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Quay opposes NMED's proposed regulations dealing with the dairy industry to be considered on April 13, 2010, before the WQCC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is in the public interest to sustain and develop the dairy industry in the State of New Mexico, and NMED's proposed regulations are contrary to this public interest; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of New Mexico, each member of the New Mexico House of Representatives and the New Mexico State Senate who represent Quay County and New Mexico Congressional delegation and be transmitted to the WQCC as part of the public comment for the rulemaking hearing.

Done this 12th day of April, 2010.

QUAY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

By: 
FRANKLIN MCCASLAND, CHAIRMAN

By: 
BILL CURRY, MEMBER

By: 
ROBERT LOPEZ, MEMBER

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From: Sierra Club Membership Services [membership.services@sierraclub.org] on behalf of Nathanael Brown [njkbrown@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, April 10, 2010 10:14 AM
To: Medina, Joyce, NMENV
Subject: Re: Proposed Amendment to 20.6.2 NMAC (Dairy Regulations)

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Mr. Nathanael Brown
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Cedar Crest, NM 87008-9402

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Ms. Kathleen Clark
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From: Sierra Club Membership Services [membership.services@sierraclub.org] on behalf of Lynda Taylor [lynda@lyndataylor.org]
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1071 Governor Dempsey Dr
Santa Fe, NM 87501-1045

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Sincerely,

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Sent: Saturday, April 10, 2010 10:14 AM
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Ingmarie McElvain
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From: Sierra Club Membership Services [membership.services@sierraclub.org] on behalf of Christoph Chrissos [christophchris13@yahoo.com]
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At least ensure that the regulations are being lived up to. cc

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April 8th, 2010

Joyce Medina
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Ms. Medina;

On behalf of the New Mexico Crop Production Association of which I am the Legislative Liaison, we Officially Protest the proposed new Requirements on the NM Dairy Industry.

We believe the proposed new regulations have not been properly studied. Most important to all of us is clean safe drinking water. There is no scientific data brought forth which shows that Dairy's are having a negative impact on ground water. Farmer's ranchers and dairymen are the countries premier environmentalist. They and we make a living off this land and the water resources that we have been blessed with. Our families live and work on these properties, we are aware of and concerned about our water resources. We work had to prevent any issues. The one issue that appears to be at the forefront of this movement is Nitrates. Nitrates are naturally occurring, before burdening an industry with the blame for something, care should be taken to locate the source of the issue. Not enough scientific study has been performed to hastily enact these proposed regulations.

The dairy industry provides \$2 billion dollars of economic impact to NM. That \$2 billion rolls over to various suppliers in the state, vehicles, fuel, fertilizer, equipment as well as the NM farmers who produce the necessary feed for the dairy cattle. The jobs, the tax revenue. New Mexico can ill afford to regulate our state economy into a deeper depression. New Mexico is rapidly gaining the reputation of being the most difficult state in the union to do business in.

We ask you to use common sense and not "Regulate our Dairy Industry out of the State". We appreciate your consideration. Myself or any of our group are available for discussion.

Best Regards
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