

March 19, 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)

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

Sincerely,

  
Sam and Susan Ray  
HC 32 Box 238  
Quemado, NM 87829

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Sincerely,

Linda S. Roberts  
39 Lake Van Drive  
Dexter, NM 88230

Carolyn S. Mitchell  
8 Granite Circle  
Roswell, New Mexico 88201  
575-626-4666



March 22, 2010

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Re: Dairy Regulations, WQCC 09-13 ®

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed rules dealing with the dairy industry submitted by the NMED. These proposed rules would “regulate our dairy industry out of the State of New Mexico”.

Use some common sense for a change and look at the bottom line to industry. Environmentalists have gone to the extreme on these proposed regulations as well as several other areas in this state. Other factors need to be considered.

In the current state of the economy, the impact of the dairy industry in the Pecos Valley needs all our support.

I’m not an expert; I just know less government regulations in our lives are better, now and in the future.

I receive no direct income from the dairy industry but love milk!

Sincerely,

Carolyn Mitchell  
Concerned Citizen of Roswell, NM



**FARM CREDIT  
OF NEW MEXICO**

March 24, 2010

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I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed rules dealing with the dairy industry submitted by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED). Farm Credit of New Mexico has been involved in financing dairies since 1980 and we currently have in excess of \$470 million in dairy operating and mortgage loans. With the current dairy operations suffering through one of the most depressed milk price period (going on 15 months), it would be very difficult for them to tackle another costly issue. Furthermore, the trickle down affect to the general agricultural sector, rural communities and banking industries could be devastating should dairymen incur the additional expense.

Our dairy clients have worked very hard in the past to assure they do not contaminate the water sources in which we all share and value. They consistently abide by all the requirements that have been set forth by NMED, but I do believe it is necessary to force them to incur more cost when other states do not even have the stringent requirements that New Mexico has prior to these proposed changes.

I urge the Water Quality Control Commission to carefully consider all of the consequences of NMED's proposal. Please do not regulate our dairy industry out of the state!

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss, please call me at 505-875-6073.

Sincerely,

Alfred E. Porter, Jr., President  
Farm Credit of New Mexico, ACA  
P.O. Box 94330  
Albuquerque, NM 87199

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Jared Swenson  
612 Chanticleer  
Clovis, NM 88101

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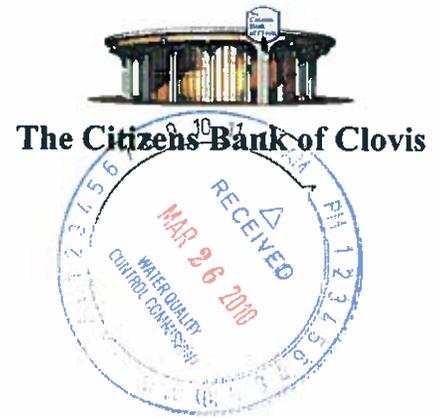
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Betty Swenson  
612 Chanticleer  
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**KENT CARRUTHERS**  
PRESIDENT



March 25, 2010

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Kent Carruthers  
President

KC/dw



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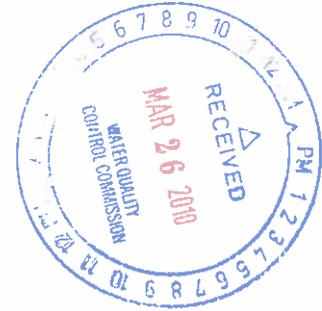
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Sincerely,

Jerry Swenson  
Plumbob Land and Cattle Inc  
612 Chanticleer  
Clovis, NM 88101

**Medina, Joyce, NMENV**

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**From:** Elaine Best [elainebest@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2010 10:47 PM

**To:** Medina, Joyce, NMENV

**Subject:** Proposed Amendment to 20.6.2 NMAC (Dairy Regulations) Docket Number: WQCC 09-13 (R).

Dear Ms. Medina,

I am writing to affirm my support of strong regulation of groundwater discharge permit regulations for the dairy industry. The water under the majority of the state's dairies is so contaminated, presumably by manure, that it is unsafe to drink. I believe that we can have both a strong dairy industry and the clean water that we deserve by requiring the dairies to exceed the standards that they are proposing. I support the strong regulations proposed by clean water advocates and the New Mexico Environment Department.

Sincerely,

Elaine Best

Santa Fe, NM 87506



**Medina, Joyce, NMENV**

**From:** LJMORTIMER@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2010 10:41 PM  
**To:** Medina, Joyce, NMENV  
**Subject:** Groundwater contaminated by manure



**The New Mexico dairy industry has failed to protect the state's drinking water: Ninety percent of New Mexico's drinking water comes from underground sources, but the water under nearly 2/3's of the state's dairies is so contaminated that it is unsafe to drink.**

- **One likely cause of this contamination is the manure generated by the dairies. Dairies in New Mexico produce 5.6 million gallons of manure each day - waste that may be seeping underground and contaminating our drinking water supplies.**
- **To fix this problem, New Mexico's Water Quality Control Commission is considering new regulations on the dairy industry to better protect our drinking water. Unfortunately, the dairy industry continues to deny their role in creating this problem.**
- **We have the right to safe, clean drinking water.**

**Please make sure we have legislation that adequately protects the consumer from fecally contaminated water. We don't need an epidemic of diarrheal disease in NM.**

**Lesley J. Mortimer, MSN, MPH**

**Medina, Joyce, NMENV**

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**From:** Marion Woolam [mwoolam@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, March 29, 2010 9:59 PM

**To:** Medina, Joyce, NMENV

**Subject:** Proposed Amendment to 20.6.2 NMAC (Dairy Regulations) Docket Number: WQCC 09-13 (R)

Dear Ms. Medina, I am very concerned about the new regulations for the discharge from dairies in New Mexico. We must protect our groundwater. To ensure the safety of New Mexico's groundwater, monitoring wells must be required to check if the groundwater is being polluted or not. I believe we should require the dairy industry to use the no-leak synthetic liners for all lagoons.

Thank you, Marion Woolam



**Medina, Joyce, NMENV**

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**From:** Susan L. Homer [susanlhomer@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 4:38 PM  
**To:** Medina, Joyce, NMENV  
**Cc:** daniel.lorimier@sierraclub.org  
**Subject:** Dairy regulations

Re: the Matter of the Proposed Amendment to 20.6.2 NMAC (Dairy Regulations) Docket Number: WQCC 09-13 (R).

I am concerned about pollution of our state's ground water -- and drinking water -- by the dairy industry. Please enact better, tougher regulations to protect us!

We have the right to safe, clean drinking water!

Susan Homer  
5000 Sequoia Road NW  
Albuquerque, NM 87120  
susanlhomer@yahoo.com



**Medina, Joyce, NMENV**



**From:** Larry Bernard, O.F.M. [larbernard@cybermesa.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 5:21 PM  
**To:** Medina, Joyce, NMENV  
**Subject:** Docket Number: WQCC 09-13 (R) -- Dairy Regs

**Dear Ms. Medina:**

**I write regarding the Matter of the Proposed Amendment to 20.6.2 NMAC (Dairy Regulations) Docket Number: WQCC 09-13 (R). I agree that we must have better regulations and that they must be enforced if we are to have safe drinking water here in New Mexico.**

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**Please require more effective regulations that will be enforced to protect our drinking water supply. Milk has its place but even more does water.**

**Thank you for your consideration.**

**Rev. Larry Bernard, OFM**

**Pastor, St. Joseph Church, Laguna, NM**

## Medina, Joyce, NMENV

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**From:** bliss55@TaosNet.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 1:39 PM  
**To:** Medina, Joyce, NMENV  
**Subject:** Proposed Amendment to 20.6.2

Matter of the Proposed Amendment to 20.6.2 NMAC (Dairy Regulations) Docket Number: WQCC 09-13 (R).

I am concerned about state's drinking water: Ninety percent of New Mexico's drinking water comes from underground sources, but the water under nearly 2/3's of the state's dairies is unsafe to drink.

The likely cause of this contamination is the manure generated by the dairies. This waste may be seeping underground and contaminating our drinking water supplies.

Please act to protect our water.

Susan Simms  
PO Box 1335  
El Prado, NM 87529





**THE ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY OF NEW MEXICO  
RESOLUTION ON 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'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**, NMED has done no study on 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**, dairy producers recognize that ground 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

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

**WHEREAS**, dairies already are struggling with historic low milk prices, and if these proposed regulations are adopted, it could potentially result in closure of up to half of New Mexico's existing dairies who cannot afford to meet all of the new requirements; 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;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Association of Commerce and Industry 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 transmitted to the WQCC as part of the public comment for the rulemaking hearing.

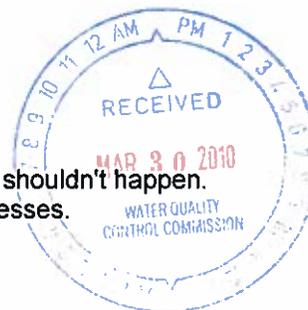
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**From:** Rangewest [rangewest@qwestoffice.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 12:53 PM  
**To:** Medina, Joyce, NMENV  
**Subject:** dirty milk?

I am surprised to find out that milk producers are contaminating the water table. That shouldn't happen. Please advocate for safer conditions for both the animals and the waste disposal processes. Thank you.

Chip Conway



**Medina, Joyce, NMENV**

**From:** Meredith B. Emery [mnbush@zcloud.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 1:02 PM  
**To:** Medina, Joyce, NMENV  
**Subject:** regarding the Matter of the Proposed Amendment to 20.6.2 NMAC (Dairy Regulations) Docket Number: WQCC 09-13 (R).



**I am extremely concerned about the groundwater discharge permit regulations for the dairy industry that will begin to really protect our waters. I understand you are the one to contact regarding the Matter of the Proposed Amendment to 20.6.2 NMAC (Dairy Regulations) Docket Number: WQCC 09-13 (R).**

**I find these facts relevant:**

- **The New Mexico dairy industry has failed to protect the state's drinking water: Ninety percent of New Mexico's drinking water comes from underground sources, but the water under nearly 2/3's of the state's dairies is so contaminated that it is unsafe to drink.**
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**Thank you for your attention to this matter.**

**Meredith Bush Emery  
Los Ranchos ,NM**

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**From:** Richard D. Ellenberg [rdellenberg@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 12:55 PM  
**To:** Medina, Joyce, NMENV  
**Subject:** Matter of the Proposed Amendment to 20.6.2 NMAC (Dairy Regulations) Docket Number: WQCC 09-13 (R).

I use a well and Santa Fe relies upon wells. We are not threatened by dairy farms, but the impact of ground water pollution can be horrendous, hard to clean up and leave people without safe water supplies. The State should take the action needed to make sure this increasingly precious resource is protected.

Richard D. Ellenberg, Chair  
Democratic Party of Santa Fe County  
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Santa Fe, NM 87501  
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**Medina, Joyce, NMENV**

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**From:** gparr46833@comcast.net

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 11:47 AM

**To:** Medina, Joyce, NMENV

**Subject:** Matter of the Proposed Amendment to 20.6.2 NMAC (Dairy Regulations) Docket Number: WQCC 09-13 (R).

Please protect our precious water!! We need strong regulations to prevent the contamination of our groundwater supply from any source. Please be our spokesperson and pass a strong regulation to prevent waste from dairies seeping into our drinking water. Keep our water clean. Thank you. Jackie Parrish Santa Fe, NM



**Medina, Joyce, NMENV**

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**From:** Richard Harper [richarper@yucca.net]

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 11:40 AM

**To:** Medina, Joyce, NMENV

**Subject:** Meeting, April 13-16, 2010.

I support strong groundwater discharge permits for the dairy industry. Fortunately, I live in an area where there isn't enough groundwater to support the dairy industry, but I live within 25 miles of many dairies, and I have seen first hand their policies.



**Medina, Joyce, NMENV**

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**From:** MK Ray [mkrscrim@kitcarson.net]

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 10:53 AM

**To:** Medina, Joyce, NMENV

**Subject:** the Matter of the Proposed Amendment to 20.6.2 NMAC (Dairy Regulations) Docket Number: WQCC 09-13 (R).

Dear Ms Medina,

As a birdwatcher and naturephile, I was introduced to the horrible potential that concentrated dairies have to contaminate the ground water under them when Parasol Dairy applied to install such an operation so close to the Caballo lake and Percha Dam state parks. Given how important ground water is to human survival in our dry state- allowing private industry to despoil it is inexcusable. But the fact is that 2/3 of NM dairies have done just that. The water is so polluted under them because of leaking manure, it is unsafe to drink.

Please note my support for stricter and enforceable rules to protect our groundwater from the abuse and profiteering of dairies at the expense of the rest of us. We have a right to clean, safe drinking water.

Sincerely,  
Mary Katherine Ray  
HC 30 Box 244  
Winston, NM 87943  
575-772-5655



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**From:** Richard Madole [rvm.athome@msn.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 10:28 AM  
**To:** Medina, Joyce, NMENV  
**Subject:** Clean, healthy drinking water

Dear Ms. Medina, It seems quite incredible to me that a resident in the state of New Mexico would be urged to write to you about the need for clean, chemically and pollutant free drinking water. Without a trace of doubt safe drinking water is our most precious commodity. That dairy farms continue to fail in meeting their obligation to stop the pollution of our underground water supply is something that I urge you to stop. For the sake of all New Mexicans, for the sake of our health, for the sake of our children and our future. Sincerely, Richard V. Madole



**Medina, Joyce, NMENV**

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**From:** Adelaide Collins [dede@nets.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 10:22 AM  
**To:** Medina, Joyce, NMENV

**Subject:** NM needs strong, effective groundwater discharge permit regulations

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**Adelaide M. Collins  
115 E. Alicante Rd.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505-4651  
505-982-8846**



**Medina, Joyce, NMENV**

**From:** Bill.A.Wiley@wellsfargo.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 9:36 AM  
**To:** Medina, Joyce, NMENV  
**Cc:** amcfun2@aol.com  
**Subject:** amendment to 20.6.2 NMACWQCC 09-13



Ms. Medina: Dairy's are polluting our ground h2o & have elected to dismiss this. Please have them comply w/ proper controls to protect our h2o. this is just the cost of business for them, like our industries have. I'm proud of our regulators in NM & ask that you protect us, as the dairies won't do their part. Thank you for your attention in this matter. Wm Wiley

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**From:** dgnoble [dgnoble@nets.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 9:29 AM  
**To:** Medina, Joyce, NMENV  
**Subject:** Prop. Amendment 20.6.2 NMAC Docket No. WQCC 09-13 (R)

Dear Ms. Medina:

I cannot think of any natural resource more valuable to New Mexicans than our ground and surface water. Already, the ground water close to dairies has been contaminated by cow manure. This must stop.

I urge you to put in place more strict and responsible regulations concerning disposal of dairy waste.

Sincerely,

David G. Noble



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**From:** Marita Prandoni [prandoni@cybermesa.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 9:21 AM  
**To:** Medina, Joyce, NMENV  
**Cc:** Dan Lorimier  
**Subject:** Proposed Amendment to 20.6.2 NMAC (Dairy Regulations) Docket Number: WQCC 09-13-08



Dear Ms. Medina,

Ninety percent of New Mexico's drinking water comes from ground water. Where New Mexico's industrial dairy operations are located, nearly two-thirds of the drinking water is contaminated and unsafe to drink. Well over half of our state's dairies are exceeding discharge permits and polluting our precious water with nitrate nitrogen, total dissolved solids and other pollutants.

Manure lagoons that seep into the groundwater are a threat not just to drinking water, but to air quality as well. Methane is 20 times more effective in trapping heat in the atmosphere than carbon dioxide. Open manure lagoons at a massive hog farm in Veracruz, Mexico (half-owned by Smithfield Farms) are believed to have been the breeding pools for the latest H1N1 virus outbreak.

<http://www.ecoearth.com/eco-blogs/small-earth/524-swine-flu-and-cafos-mums-the-word.html>

New Mexico's Dairy Industry has expressed that further regulation of their wastewater puts an undue burden on their operations. Groundwater is not static. It is in constant movement. A highly concentrated source of pollution has the potential to taint groundwater far from its source. New Mexico's dairy industry has already allowed for "sacrifice zones" to the detriment of fragile ecosystems and human communities. I hope the Water Quality Control Commission will not allow agribusiness to endanger ever larger populations and ecosystems, favoring profits for operations that are already out of balance with their natural surroundings and resources.

And did you hear about the dairy farm in Indiana that has "poop bubbles" the size of small houses?

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2010/03/26/indiana-threatened-by-gia\\_n\\_514960.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2010/03/26/indiana-threatened-by-gia_n_514960.html)

I hope the WQCC and New Mexico Environment Department will insist on safe containment and generous setbacks for dairy manure. Everyone deserves access to safe, clean drinking water, whether they live in dairy communities or far, far away from them.

Sincerely,

Marita Prandoni

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**From:** Sydney Walter [sydmusai@swcp.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 8:26 AM  
**To:** Medina, Joyce, NMENV  
**Subject:** dairy industry regulation

**Dear Ms Medina,**

**I want to register my strong support for meaningful, effective groundwater discharge permit regulations for the dairy industry. Our groundwater needs strong protection, and the dairy industry has failed to protect that invaluable resource. Their proposals for regulation are inadequate, to say the least.**

**Sincerely,  
Sydney Walter**



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**From:** Tim McKimmie [unitysw@live.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 7:27 AM  
**To:** Medina, Joyce, NMENV  
**Subject:** dairy regulations

Dear Ms. Medina,

I understand that you have a role in the upcoming hearings on dairy regulations. In my opinion dairies have not acted as good citizens in protecting our ground water. We need tighter regulations so that dairies must be forced to keep the health of all New Mexicans as a priority by protecting our water.

Tim McKimmie  
Las Cruces



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**From:** Kenneth Edlund [kennethedlund@yahoo.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 1:21 AM

**To:** Medina, Joyce, NMENV

**Subject:** Proposed Amendment to 20.6.2 NMAC (Dairy Regulations) Docket Number: WQCC 09-13 (R)

**Matter of the Proposed Amendment to 20.6.2 NMAC (Dairy Regulations) Docket Number: WQCC 09-13 (R)**



To the Board Administrator:

I support strong, effective groundwater discharge permit regulations for the dairy industry that finally will begin to adequately protect our waters. Under the current inadequate regulatory standards, the New Mexico dairy industry has failed to protect the state's drinking water: 90% of New Mexico's drinking water comes from underground sources, but the water under nearly 2/3's of the state's dairies is so contaminated that it is unsafe to drink!

It is my understanding that the Environment Department has determined that much safer and effective no-leak synthetic liners must be required in all lagoons and that monitor wells are essential for the Department to understand the impacts to our groundwater from dairies and effectively protect our water resources. I agree. However, I also understand that knowledgeable people who have studied this matter in depth think that longer distances than those described by the Environment Department are necessary for setbacks to be meaningful. There is also a common-sense proposal that dairies post financial assurance to cover decommissioning the dairy and also to help cover the cost of remediation following a disastrous spill event.

All New Mexico citizens have the right to safe, clean drinking water. I personally depend on private well water for this essential need. Certainly I have a right to insist that adequate protections be in place. Please assure me that I will have that protection!

3/30/2010

**Kenneth Edlund**  
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**Santa Fe, NM 87508**

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**From:** tbullers@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 6:40 AM  
**To:** Medina, Joyce, NMENV  
**Subject:** ground water discharge regulations

**To:** The Water Quality Control Commission:

I am writing this to ask your support for strong, effective groundwater discharge permit regulations for the dairy industry that will protect our waters. Ninety percent of NM's drinking water comes from underground sources but the water under nearly 2/3's of the state's dairies is so contaminated that it is unsafe to drink. A likely cause is the manure generated by the dairies. Dairies in NM produce millions of gallons of manure daily.

Please put into effect new stronger regulations on the dairy industry i.e requiring monitoring of wells to measure pollutants, safer and effective no-leak liners be used for manure storage and longer setbacks be required.

Sincerely,  
*Terrye Bullers*

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Albuquerque, NM 87112



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**From:** JonCrews@aol.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 30, 2010 6:44 AM  
**To:** Medina, Joyce, NMENV  
**Subject:** Groundwater contamination from dairies

**Dear Ms. Medina,**

**I am writing you to voice my concern about the ground water pollution that is caused by dairies.**

**The New Mexico dairy industry has failed to protect the state's drinking water: Ninety percent of New Mexico's drinking water comes from underground sources, but the water under nearly 2/3's of the state's dairies is so contaminated that it is unsafe to drink.**

**One likely cause of this contamination is the manure generated by the dairies. Dairies in New Mexico produce 5.6 million gallons of manure each day - waste that may be seeping underground and contaminating our drinking water supplies.**

**To fix this problem, New Mexico's Water Quality Control Commission is considering new regulations on the dairy industry to better protect our drinking water. Unfortunately, the dairy industry continues to deny their role in creating this problem.**

**We have the right to safe, clean drinking water.**

**Jonathan**

**Crews**



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**From:** Jeff and Tammy Mason [mason87104@comcast.net]  
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**To:** Medina, Joyce, NMENV  
**Cc:** daniel.lorimier@sierraclub.org  
**Subject:** Proposed Amendment to 20.6.2 NMAC (Dairy Regulations) Docket Number: WQCC 09-13 (R)

**Dear Administrator Medina**

**When the Water Quality Control Commission holds its hearing in Santa Fe on the new regulations for dairy farms on April 13-16 I hope the WQCC will enact much stronger water standards. Clean drinking water is a very precious resource that we must protect. I am sure the dairy industry will resist any effort to reduce their pollution of ground water but hopefully the WQCC will do what is best for all New Mexicans not just the dairy business men.**

**Thanks you,**

**Jeff Mason  
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March 29, 2010

Water Quality Control Commission  
c/o Joyce Mdina, WQCC Administrator  
PO Box 5469  
Santa Fe, NM 87502

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

Dear Commissioners:

I am very concerned about the proposed rules submitted by the NMED for dealing with the dairy industry. As a 100% dairy practicing veterinarian I am worried that these proposed rules would have severe negative implications for New Mexico without providing any clear environmental benefit.

Without establishing a necessary scientific foundation, NMED would impose strict new requirements, including requiring a double-liner system for wastewater impoundments similar to those required by hazardous wastes – a requirement not held in any other state. It would also ban clay liners which have been recently adopted in neighboring states.

They would also require existing dairies to upgrade well monitoring, even before evidence that any drinking water has been impacted. Indeed, 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. NMED themselves have identified septic systems as the largest polluter of ground water, dairies less than 3%.

We estimate the NMED's proposed regulations to cause a combined economic impact on the dairy industry to be over \$2 billion annually, potentially resulting in the closure of up to half of New Mexico's existing dairies.

I would encourage the Water Quality Control Commission to carefully consider the effect of the proposed regulations on the dairy industry without providing any clear environmental benefit.

Sincerely,

Richard L. Park  
Veterinarian

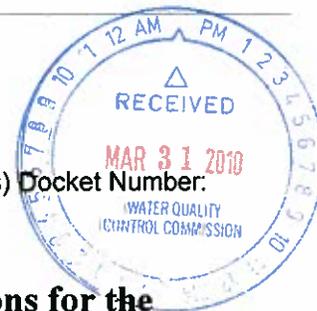
**Medina, Joyce, NMENV**

**From:** Jeanne Green [innerlight52@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 31, 2010 2:12 PM

**To:** Medina, Joyce, NMENV

**Subject:** re: the Matter of the Proposed Amendment to 20.6.2 NMAC (Dairy Regulations) Docket Number: WQCC 09-13 (R).



**Dear Joyce,**

**We need strong, effective groundwater discharge permit regulations for the dairy industry that will begin to really protect our waters.**

- **The New Mexico dairy industry has failed to protect the state's drinking water: Ninety percent of New Mexico's drinking water comes from underground sources, but the water under nearly 2/3's of the state's dairies is so contaminated that it is unsafe to drink.**
- **One likely cause of this contamination is the manure generated by the dairies. Dairies in New Mexico produce 5.6 million gallons of manure each day - waste that may be seeping underground and contaminating our drinking water supplies.**
- **Please protect our drinking water by effectively regulating discharges from the burgeoning dairy industry in New Mexico. Although the dairy industry continues to deny their role in creating this problem and continues to lobby for ineffective and paltry regulations, the citizens must be protected from industrial abuse of our shrinking water supply.**
- **We have the right to safe, clean drinking water. Please protect our environment from abuse by for-profit abusers.**

*Thank you, Jeanne Green, Taos, NM*