

July 29, 2024

Water Quality Control Commission  
Harold Runnels Building, Suite S-2102  
1190 S. Saint Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Dear Members of the Water Quality Control Commission,

I write to express my strong support for the Petition for Rulemaking submitted by the WATR Alliance (WQCC 25-34) and respectfully urge the Commission to hold this hearing in Lea County, specifically in Jal, NM, where the realities of produced water, and the consequences of both action and inaction, are felt most directly.

As a business leader who has invested deeply in New Mexico, I care about protecting its land, water, and way of life. Water is our most critical resource, and across the state, there is growing public support for smart, science-based solutions to stretch our supply and reduce waste.

This rulemaking is an opportunity to do exactly that, set clear environmental safeguards for the reuse of treated produced water. Most people agree: if we can treat water to high standards and reuse it safely, we should. Doing so preserves clean water for future generations while easing the strain on our rivers, aquifers, and drought-stricken communities.

New Mexico has led the way with homegrown research and pilot projects proving what's possible. But if we fail to act now, we risk losing that leadership and this valuable resource, to other states. Every day, more than 3 million barrels of produced water leave New Mexico for Texas. This water should be managed responsibly here, for the benefit of New Mexico's communities and its economy.

As you consider this petition, I strongly encourage you to hold the hearing in Jal. With more than half of all the state's produced water originating in Lea County, no community is more directly impacted. The people of Lea County deserve to have their voices heard in shaping these rules. Holding the hearing there would demonstrate the Commission's commitment to listening to those most affected by this issue.

Thank you for your service and your dedication to building a more secure water future for all of us.

Sincerely,



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As business owners who have invested deeply in New Mexico, we care about protecting its land, water, and way of life. We understand that water is its most precious resource. From farmers and ranchers to families and small business owners, there is growing public support for smart, science-based solutions to stretch our water supply and reduce waste.


This rulemaking is a chance to do exactly that. By setting clear environmental safeguards for the reuse of treated produced water. Most people agree: if we can treat water to high standards and reuse it safely, we should. Doing so preserves clean water for future generations while easing the strain on our rivers, aquifers, and drought-stressed communities.

New Mexico has led the way with homegrown research and pilot projects proving what's possible. But if we don't act now, we risk losing that leadership (and our water) to other states. Every day, more than 3 million barrels of produced water leave New Mexico for reuse in Texas. This is a valuable resource that should be managed responsibly here, for the benefit of New Mexico's communities and economy.

As you consider this petition, I urge you to hold the hearing in Jal. With more than half of all the state's produced water originating in Lea County, no community is more directly impacted. The people of Lea County, its ranchers, landowners, workers, and families, deserve to have their voices heard in shaping these rules. Holding the hearing here would demonstrate the Commission's commitment to listening to those who live with these impacts every day.

Thank you for your service and your dedication to building a more secure water future for all of us.

Sincerely,

  
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