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**To:** [bthompson@unm.edu](mailto:bthompson@unm.edu); [Jones, Pamela, ENV](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Reject the WATR Alliance's position  
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Hello Mr Thompson and Ms Jones —

I am a New Mexican citizen. Please keep in place the new Wastewater Reuse Rule that protects our land, waters, and communities from toxic fracking waste. Do not allow New Mexicans to fall prey to industry insiders like the WATR Alliance who are only looking to put profit over people time and time again. It is your responsibility to uphold New Mexicans' rights to clean water and a healthy environment, and we will hold you accountable if you undermine these rights and give in to the companies trying to poison our future.

Thank you in advance for protecting the people and our environment.

Aimee Roberson

**From:** [Roger PEIRCE](#)  
**To:** [Jones, Pamela, ENV](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] WQCC must dismiss the WATR petition  
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Dear WQCC Administrator,

The WQCC's decision to grant the WATR petition a hearing defies the public, the science and the democratic process.

NMOGA members and other "WATR" alliance directors participated fully in the 23-84 hearing and had their chance to present evidence that proved reuse of fracking waste safe for public health and the environment. They failed to do so, and have presented no additional evidence to justify asking for a new hearing before the 23-84 rule was even adopted. They allege that they have new evidence but did not provide a single new peer reviewed scientific paper in their petition.

The law is clear - parties cannot simply rename themselves and try to relitigate a question that has already been decided. The WQCC's vote to grant the WATR petition a hearing is a gross miscarriage of justice and spits in the face of the people of New Mexico, who overwhelmingly spoke against allowing discharge of potentially dangerous toxic and radioactive produced water "treated" by companies that have a financial interest but no specific scientific standards against which their treatment protocols or discharged liquids can be measured.

Please share my comments with all Commissioners and act quickly to dismiss the WATR petition.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** [crfoote@aol.com](mailto:crfoote@aol.com)  
**To:** [Jones, Pamela, ENV](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Comments to the members of the Water Quality Control Commission  
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Dear Ms. Jones;

I am not able to attend the hearing slated for August 12, 2025, of the WQCC regarding a request from the WATR Alliance to change the recently adopted Produced Water rule, but I would very much like to share my concerns with the members of the WQCC. I was unable to find email addresses for them, but hope you will share my comments with them.

To Bruce Thomson, Ronald Borunda, William Brancard, Keith Candelaria, Bonnie Frey, James Kenney, Katie Laney, Chelsea Langer, Krista McWilliams, Christopher Moander, Kirk Patten, Toby Velasquez, Edward Vigil, and Katie Zemlick,

Thank you for your service on the Water Quality Control Commission. Your commission's role is vital in assuring New Mexicans that the water they drink and use to irrigate crops is safe and free of harmful contaminants. Recently you adopted the Produced Water rule based at least in part on scientific studies that experts working for the NMED and for non-profits presented to you.

Now, however, just months after adopting that rule, you are slated to hear the request brought forward by WATR Alliance, an oil and gas based interest group, to amend that rule and NMED has chosen not to have its scientists participate in this effort.

In my view, several problems with this situation are evident. First, it is highly unlikely that in the period of just a few months the oil and gas industry could have devised methods to remove the nearly two hundred potentially toxic chemicals from the wastewater from fracking. If the industry had done so, it might be worth revisiting the issue of produced water. Second, the Produced Water rule that you adopted is new and sensible as an effort to protect New Mexicans from toxins in our water supply. This rule must stand. Third, I am appalled to think that the NMED refuses to participate in this hearing and even more so that it plans not to permit its scientists to take part.

The suppression of scientific information is of grave concern to me and appears designed to give the oil and gas industry the upper hand in the debate over fracking and the water used in that process. . I implore you to stand by the Produced Water rule that you recently adopted and keep our water supply safe.

Sincerely,  
Cheryl J. Foote, Ph.D., Albuquerque.

**From:** [myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com](mailto:myvoice@oneclickpolitics.com)  
**To:** [Jones, Pamela, ENV](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Hear the produced water hearing in Southeast NM!  
**Date:** Monday, August 11, 2025 7:01:16 AM

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Re: Hear the produced water hearing in Southeast NM!

Dear Pamela Jones,

I am writing as a resident of Southeast New Mexico, where a significant portion of New Mexico's produced water originates. I am deeply interested in the proposed rulemaking and respectfully request that the Water Quality Control Commission consider holding a hearing in Southeast New Mexico. This would allow stakeholders like myself to participate more easily and meaningfully in the process. I am concerned about the long-term sustainability of our state's water supply. I believe that treated produced water has the potential to contribute to new water sources and support the goals outlined in New Mexico's strategic water plan. Thank you for your consideration.

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