

**From:** [jenn falcon](#)  
**To:** [Jones, Pamela, ENV](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] WQCC 25-34(R)  
**Date:** Sunday, September 7, 2025 10:44:39 AM

---

You don't often get email from falconjenn@yahoo.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

**CAUTION: This email originated outside of our organization. Exercise caution prior to clicking on links or opening attachments.**

Dear Ms. Jones,

I'm very concerned about WQCC 25-34(R). It is horrible to dump contaminated water from oil, gas or agriculture. Please consider this.

Thank you,  
Jenn Falcon

Dear Commissioner Kenney

I write to you today to bring to your attention a very serious matter that I am sure you will find to be of interest. I attended the recent WQCC meeting and have recently become aware of the petition of the industry group "WATR" filed with the commission. In their petition they are essentially saying they want to do an experiment on our environment in New Mexico. The industry sponsors of this group are known to have used thousands of pounds of PFAs as part of their hydraulic fracturing operations in New Mexico. As you know from your experience at Cannon and Holloman air force bases, PFAs are toxic at low levels and remain in the environment due to lack of biological breakdown. In addition these compounds are extremely difficult to remove from aqueous mixtures due to their chemical characteristics.

I urge you to involve NMED in a thorough scientific analysis of the data that WATR purports to have demonstrating the safety of their treated 'Produced water.' The idea that this water can be used for "industrial" purposes does not exempt it from strict criteria of purity. As we both know, components present in treated fracking water will eventually end up in our rivers and streams and in our drinking water.

Thank you for your time,

James Wilkins Ph.D.  
El Prado, NM

My name is Luciana Jarrett

My family has been in New Mexico for 12 generations. I love the state and the culture. Unfortunately, I had to move to California in pursuit of career opportunities and a more vibrant lifestyle.

I visit family often and when I go to NM I feel like I am going backwards in time. I have considered moving my family back, however there is still little opportunity.

Maybe this will provide more job opportunities for future generations and more opportunity

I support the petition for rulemaking, as it offers a solution based on science, we can leave more of the precious freshwater in the Rio Grande and our aquifers.

I strongly urge the Commission to proceed with the rule.

Luciana Jarrett

619-208-5424

lucianajarrett@gmail.com

Elizabeth M. Alarid  
5818 Jones Place NW  
Albuquerque, NM 87120

August 6, 2024

Water Quality Control Board  
Harold Runnels Building Suite S-2102  
1190 Saint Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, NM 8750

RE:A Grandmother's Plea to Protect New Mexico's Water Future

Dear Chair and Members of the Commission'

I write to you as a former business owner, Neighborhood Association Vice President and family focused grandmother who was born, raised and has spent my entire life in New Mexico. I have watched the Rio Grande change over the decades, but never did I think I would see it run dry for long stretches. In some places in Albuquerque, it is now only a sandy ditch where I, my children/grandchildren once played along the river banks. The river has always been the heart of this state, and seeing it disappear is heartbreaking.

Two of my eldest granddaughters have already left New Mexico in search of opportunities elsewhere. Consequently, I am doing everything I can do to encourage my youngest grandchildren to graduate, work and raise their families in New Mexico, My fear is without a sustainable water future, they will have no choice but to leave and seek opportunities elsewhere.

This is why I support the Water Access Treatment & Reuse Alliance petition for rule making. This Alliance offers a scientific based plan to reuse treated water for safe, non-consumptive purposes. It will enforce strong testing, strict monitoring and clear prohibitions to keep people, animals and crops safe. We can then use this water for industrial, ecological, and restoration needs and leave our more precious freshwater in the Rio Grande and our Aquifers.

Please adopt these rules and hold hearings so all voices, especially those from rural, farming and other impacted communities may be heard. Thank you for your service to our state and for considering the future of New Mexico Families

Respectfully,

Elizabeth M. Alarid

**From:** [Jessica](#)  
**To:** [Jones, Pamela, ENV](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] WQCC 25-34(R)  
**Date:** Thursday, August 28, 2025 10:48:47 AM

---

You don't often get email from jlhiowa2@yahoo.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

**CAUTION: This email originated outside of our organization. Exercise caution prior to clicking on links or opening attachments.**

WQCC 25-34(R)

Produced water is not water—it's a toxic waste byproduct of fracking and drilling. For every barrel of oil, 4–7 barrels of waste are produced—contaminated with:

- Carcinogenic and radioactive elements
- PFAS (“forever chemicals”)
- Heavy metals, benzene, volatile organic compounds
- Undisclosed “trade secret” chemicals

The oil and gas industry—through its front group, the WATR Alliance—is trying to rewrite New Mexico’s water rules to allow widespread dumping of “treated produced water” onto our lands and into our rivers.

This is a direct reversal of a rule adopted just this summer by the Water Quality Control Commission (20.6.8 NMAC) after extensive public input. That rule restricted reuse to non-discharging pilot projects—because no scientific evidence shows that produced water is safe for use outside oil fields.

But before that rule even took effect, the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association appealed it—and the WATR Alliance filed a new petition: WQCC 25-34(R). Even Commissioner Bill Brancard, a former oil and gas regulator, asked the industry, “Are you serious?”

Tribal governments have not been consulted, violating State Tribal Collaboration Act and principles of free, prior, and informed consent.

The New Mexico Environment Department has never issued a single surface water discharge permit—for any pollutant. And the agency has publicly admitted it lacks the staff, funding, and scientific infrastructure to oversee something as complex as produced water treatment.

NMED has never permitted surface discharge of even conventional pollutants. The agency only just received legal authority to begin building a permitting system: SB 21 (2025), and NMED leaders have openly stated they lack adequate staff and funding. Already, produced water spills already occur multiple times a day, every 7 hours, with no clear accountability.

Thank you,  
Jessica Heiden

**From:** [Diane Reese](#)  
**To:** [Jones, Pamela, ENV](#); [Kenney, James, ENV](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Message to Commissioners: pls fwd! NO Produced Water HEARING!!!  
**Date:** Monday, August 11, 2025 1:58:47 PM

---

Some people who received this message don't often get email from reesedianem@gmail.com. [Learn why this is important](#)

**CAUTION: This email originated outside of our organization. Exercise caution prior to clicking on links or opening attachments.**

Ms Jones: please forward to the Commissioners.

Secretary Kenney and Commissioners - there should be ***NO hearing - no redo of the rule making on produced water~!!***

In May 2025 - just weeks ago! you concluded an exhaustive 18-month public process filled with scientific testimony and public input - overwhelmingly against any reuse outside of the oil production areas. You voted to limit the reuse of produced water to pilot projects that require a permitting process. The rule also banned the discharge of fracking waste into New Mexico's land and water because there is no evidence it can be treated safely. You DID YOUR JOB! Please do not bow to the pressure of the polluters and politicians! DO NOT vote to hold another hearing on fracking pollution ! Keep it OUT of our precious water - needed for life, for agriculture, for a healthy New Mexico!

Thank you for your service, Commissioners! Please protect us! Diane Reese  
1620 Bernard Thomas Ave SW, Abq, NM 87105, 505-507-6416