

Castaneda, Pam, NMENV

From: Scott Moore <aphidface@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2013 9:52 PM
To: Castaneda, Pam, NMENV
Subject: WQCC Hearing on Copper Mining Rule - WQCC 12-01 (R)

Members of the Water Quality Control Commission
c/o Felicia Orth, Hearing Officer
Harold Runnels Building, Room N-2150
1190 St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe NM 87502

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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From: Rupert Chambers <rupertchambers@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2013 8:12 PM
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From: marigrana@cybermesa.com
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2013 2:17 PM
To: Castaneda, Pam, NMENV
Subject: WQCC 12-01 (R)

To: Members of the Water Quality Control Commission c/o Felicia Orth, Hearing Officer Harold Runnels
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Santa Fe, NM 87502

Members of the Commission:

I STRONGLY OPPOSE adoption of the Environmental Division's proposed copper mining rule.

The proposed rule is in violation of the NM Water Quality Act. Water is scarce enough in this state of prolonged drought, and we must protect our drinking and irrigation water resources at all costs.

No exceptions to the Water Quality Act should be made to allow Freeport-McMoRan or any other industry to possibly pollute our state's ground water resources.

I urge you to oppose the copper mining proposed exceptions to the Water Quality Act.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mary Grana
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Santa Fe, NM 87501

Castaneda, Pam, NMENV

From: Lauren Bjorkman <wordbuff@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2013 1:15 PM
To: Castaneda, Pam, NMENV
Subject: ciCitizen comment on copper mining rules WQCC 12-01 (R)

Dear Ms. Castaneda,

I'm writing as a concerned citizen about the proposed groundwater quality rules for copper mining. Once groundwater resources have been degraded, it is extremely difficult to mitigate to damage. For citizens like myself that rely on a private well for domestic use, contamination is a catastrophe. Most private well users cannot afford a filtration system to protect themselves.

I urge you to follow the recommendations proposed by the environmental experts that work for the State of New Mexico, and therefore it's citizens, rather than those put forth by the mining industry.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Lauren Bjorkman

Miss Fortune Cookie (Holt, 2012)
Fate will come looking for you. Don't bother hiding.

My Invented Life (Holt, 2009)
Sisters, secrets, and Shakespeare

<http://laurenbjorkman.com>

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From: Andrew Gold <rosemount@newmexico.com>
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2013 12:50 PM
To: Castaneda, Pam, NMENV
Subject: Copper rule

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New Mexicans all over the state are fed up with the extractive industries' continued irresponsibility regarding maintaining a healthy eco-system.

This is one more example.

If the Commission refuses to take their own responsibility to the public as a sacred trust they will lose the privilege to serve the citizens of our State.

Thank you for your consideration and please act responsibly.

Sincerely,

Andrew Gold; Santa Fe, NM

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From: Glenda Fletcher <gsfletch33@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 15, 2013 12:25 PM
To: Castaneda, Pam, NMENV
Subject: Water Quality Standards for Copper Mining

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Sent: Monday, April 15, 2013 12:16 PM
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Subject: Proposed water quality rules for copper mine facilities

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Drs. Karen & Phil Milstein
Santa Fe, NM

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From: Eric Swanson <eric@ericswanson.com>
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