

**Castaneda, Pam, NMENV**

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**From:** Gaia Mika <gaia.mika@Colorado.EDU>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 16, 2013 9:07 PM  
**To:** Castaneda, Pam, NMENV  
**Subject:** copper mining rule

Dear Ms Castaneda,

I am writing regarding the proposed new copper mining rule which violates the New Mexico Water Quality Act and puts New Mexico's drinking water at risk. The proposed rule would reduce water quality protections that have been in place in NM for over 35 years, giving the copper mining industry the right to pollute hundreds of millions of gallons of groundwater, risking contamination of public water supplies for decades, even centuries. The rule could also encourage other polluters to demand similar weakening of water quality standards risking further groundwater pollution. The people of New Mexico would pay the costs of cleanup and pay the health costs.

I strongly urge the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission to reject the proposed Copper Rule and consider the recommendations of NMED technical staff and stakeholders who met over 8 months to draft a Copper Rule that would protect groundwater and provide regulatory certainty for the industry. The mining industry has already done far too much harm to our land and water.

Thank you.  
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To love. To be loved. To never forget your own insignificance. To never get used to the unspeakable violence and the vulgar disparity of life around you. To seek joy in the saddest places. To pursue beauty to its lair. To never simplify what is complicated or complicate what is simple. To respect strength, never power. Above all, to watch. To try and understand. To never look away.. And never, never, to forget.  
~ Arundhati Roy ~

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**From:** Robert V. Fletcher <rvfletch@ix.netcom.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 16, 2013 4:21 PM  
**To:** Castaneda, Pam, NMENV  
**Cc:** rvfletcher@sunspotimagineering.com  
**Subject:** Comment on Rule 17.9.572.14 C (1) NMAC.

Dear Ms. Castaneda,

I oppose any attempt to dilute or delete the statement "environmental credits pursuant to compliance rules in effect during the plan year, and costs for capacity, transmission, or distribution that can be shown to result in actual reductions in costs to ratepayers" in Rule 17.9.572.14 C (1) NMAC.

This is clearly yet another attempt by our entrenched power industries to thwart any attempt to make them behave responsibly in terms of what is best for the people and environment of New Mexico. I for one, am sick and tired of these back-door maneuvers to circumvent the intent of the rules - and that is all this is. New Mexico currently has unparalleled opportunities to move our power-generating infrastructure into the 21st Century, and, as usual, the old guard lies and obstructs progress at every turn. This is disgusting, indeed criminal. Enough!

Thank you for considering my views on this issue.

Best Regards,

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**From:** Entertainment Manager <entertainment@taosinn.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 16, 2013 10:03 AM  
**To:** Castaneda, Pam, NMENV  
**Subject:** Copper Mining

Dear Pam,

I am writing to request you reject the copper mining regulations. They will not do enough to protect our water. NM's water is its most important resource. Please use your time on this earth to leave it a better place for all future generations. Don't make your legacy be the person who could have stopped the pollution of our beautiful state, but did nothing, no, worse, she helped it so she could make a profit on it.

The mining companies' profits are not more important than the people's right to clean water.

Please have a soul. Think about what your commission is doing!

Sincerely,

Peggy Nykamp

Taos, NM