

Castaneda, Pam, NMENV

From: Bill Schum <schumbill@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2013 4:57 PM
To: Castaneda, Pam, NMENV
Subject: Proposed change in water quality rules

Ms. Castaneda,

I am a resident of Grant County and I am in total opposition to changes in the water quality rules. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Marguerite Bellringer
Silver City, NM 88061

Vollbrecht, Kurt, NMENV

From: Andrew Gold <rosemount@newmexico.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2013 6:02 PM
To: Vollbrecht, Kurt, NMENV
Subject: Copper Rule

Dear Mr. Vollbrecht,

The proposed 'Copper Rule' would place the groundwater and the health of all New Mexicans at risk from discharges from the mining and extractive industries, including the Los Alamos National Lab.

The safeguards that have been put in place to regulate mining discharges have proven over and over again that they WORK!.

The Copper Rule would be regressive and irresponsible , and I strongly urge the committee to delete it from all current legislation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Andrew Gold; Las Vegas, NM

Castaneda, Pam, NMENV

From: Steve Lewis <seaweedsteve@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 08, 2013 9:05 AM
To: Castaneda, Pam, NMENV
Subject: Water quality Grant co

I want to add my voice in protest to the proposed weakening of the protections of our water. We need the government to protect the commons, not sell it off or give it up for short term gain.

We strongly oppose adoption of NMED's proposed rules as they will allow the mining industry to pollute our valuable groundwater resources rather than prevent pollution at mining operations as required under the State Water Quality Act,

Steve Lewis.
Silver City



April 8, 2013

Pam Castaneda, Administrator
New Mexico Environment Department
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Santa Fe, NM 87502

Dear Ms. Castaneda:

I am sure that as the New Mexico's Water Control Commissioner, you are cognizant of how precious water is to all of us.

I support the proposed Copper Rules that will protect ground water and the rigorous criteria imposed for closing a mine. The copper mines we have here in Grant County are a very important part of our economy, however ensuring the environment is protected while allowing the industry the clarity it needs to continue to operate economically is important as well.

I encourage the Water Quality Control Commission to adopt these proposed Copper Rules that protect the groundwater and the economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. Trujillo". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Michael J. Trujillo
President

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