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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 09, 2013 4:50 PM  
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**Subject:** FW: Copper Mining Regulations Case No. WQCC 12-01(R),

**Importance:** High

Hi Ms Castaneda,

Watched the hearing on the internet today. Just wanted to make sure that my email is part of the recorded documents for these hearings. If others chose to email because they couldn't attend may I suggest you read some of the emails to enter into the public records? BTW, This hearing is so much more interesting than land use issues I've attended with BCC. ☺

~warm regards,  
Cathy McManus

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Hello Ms. Castaneda,

I may or may not be attending the public hearings regarding the change in water contamination requirements for Copper Mining written with the help of Freeport-McMoRan who obviously has a special interest in making the current rules more lenient and convenient for their enterprise. New Mexico's drought conditions are horrific with 89.9% of the state in severe drought conditions, 49.9% of the state is in extreme drought conditions and 4.3% is in exceptional drought conditions. We can't afford for a single drop of water much less than 1,000's of acre feet of ground water to be polluted.

To create rules that would make it easier for the mining and oil and gas companies (utilizing fracturing) less restrictive regarding contamination levels and not be liable for cleanup and contamination in the state would be unconscionable say the least. With the reality that our water resources are so little and the possibility there will be shortages in the future, NM should actually ban any industry that utilizes any water for products that are absolutely not necessary. Copper and oil from tar sands are not necessary. Both of these industries will contaminate the water resources and their effects are not reversible. Water contamination is not a legacy we want for the state of NM.

Gov. Martinez is wrong in developing relationships with companies who will harm NM in the long run. Ms Martinez needs to push the envelope and develop energy resources that are sustainable, earth friendly and create more jobs for the state. I hope that the state will not accept these new rules and will actually discourage industries that need water to conduct their businesses especially if there is any chance of water contamination.

~Regards,  
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