

I would like to voice my strong opposition to any ordinance that permits hydraulic fracturing within Sandoval county. This method of gas extraction wastes our precious water supplies and injects toxic chemicals into the ground, endangering our aquifer--currently the only source of drinkable water to most residents of Sandoval county.

See <http://www.riograndesierraclub.org/fracking-threats-to-the-albuquerque-basin-aquifer/>

New Mexico has enormous untapped potential for solar and wind energy. These forms of energy are clean and safe, do not suffer from boom-bust cycles, and create high-paying jobs. We should focus our efforts there instead of on oil & gas.

Nate Graham, Rio Rancho

Subject: Fracking Meeting

Date: 7/13/2018 4:42 PM

From: "Fred and Patricia VAN WINKLE" <PATTIVW@msn.com>

To: "PublicComment@sandovalcountynm.gov" <PublicComment@sandovalcountynm.gov>

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I guess it is ok for the Southeastern and Northwestern parts of the state to provide the monies to support our state and not let the rest of the state have a vested interest in helping to provide monies for roads, education and jobs,

I know that my two cents worth doesn't matter, but I support the oil and gas industry in New Mexico. My family is from Roswell, New Mexico and my wife's family is from Artesia, New Mexico. We have several family members that are employed in the oil and gas industry. My son in law attended at the time the Oil Field Technology course at ENMU-R as well as my brother in law. My wife's great grandfather was a Land man for Carper Brown and Yates in Artesia, and my wife still receives royalty checks from wells that were first drilled in 1936. The oil business has come a long way since the beginning, it is safer than ever before. I know live in Rio Rancho and ask that you please support this great opportunity for our great county and state, we need all the revenue we can generate and jobs.

Thank You

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Subject: Fracking in Sandoval County

Date: 7/13/2018 4:54 PM

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My wife and I are residents of Corrales and have been here since 1999. We are very opposed To fracking In Sandoval County, especially anywhere near Water tables or Rivers and streams, Or anywhere near where people live. We also strongly believe That Oil and gas companies Should not be allowed to inject chemicals Of any sort into the ground Until those chemicals I've been fully evaluated By scientific experts Not associated with the oil and gas industry and Found to be safe.

It has been well documented That these chemicals Used in fracking, can Adversely affect the water Which especially in New Mexico is such a valuable resource, and in such short supply. Fracking has also been said to Cause earthquakes in certain parts of the country. What we need to be doing Is focusing on increasing our use of renewable energy.

Please reject fracking in our county.

Sincerely,

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Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

Subject: Fracking

Date: 7/13/2018 6:02 PM

From: "Georgia" <graerc@yahoo.com>

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To whom it may concern,

I think you should be aware that fracking was banned in New York state because the chemicals from fracking got in the drinking water. Also they started having small earthquakes where they were fracking.

You can get information from the state government about this. I think that fracking should not be allowed.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Subject: Water, gas and oil

Date: 7/14/2018 7:55 AM

From: "harry rose" <haricatarrhi@yahoo.com>

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We have a right to a clean environment. By passing this ordinance to allow out of state contractors to drill , take millions of gals. of water per day pollute our clean air and ruin our roads would be criminal.

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While I realize that appropriate development of our oil and gas resources is necessary, I would like to strongly urge that fracking not be authorized in Sandoval County. There are many, many residents of Sandoval County who rely exclusively on private or shared wells for their drinking water.

The opinions of many experts indicate fracking could pose serious risks of contamination to those wells. We who live in New Mexico are acutely aware of how scarce and important our water resources are to the future sustainability of our land.

Fracking poses an unacceptably high risk to our ground and well water. Please do not authorize fracking in Sandoval County.

Sent from my iPad

Subject: Oil, Gas and Water Matter

Date: 7/15/2018 7:45 AM

From: "DAWN FOSTER" <dawnfoster84@comcast.net>

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I am a Sandoval County resident and retired Environmental Engineer that worked for 25 years cleaning up National and State Superfund sites with RCRA- and/or TSCA-contaminated air, soils, biota, and surface and groundwaters. Most business entities don't start out with the intention of contaminating the air, soil, surface and groundwater underneath or nearby their work area/property or the surrounding community, but I am here to tell you that I made a very comfortable living for a very long time evaluating and remediating many sites. These sites were sometimes contaminated by some "knowing and willingly" taken actions; but more often by sloppy (often unknowing, untrained) workers, old and/or faulty equipment, shoddy handling/disposal practices, encountering many, many unforeseen circumstances and accidents. And because there was no requirement for pre- and post site monitoring, much contamination was undetected for too long.

It is with the above in mind that I ask the Commissioners to carefully consider the following issues when developing and finalizing the Sandoval County Oil and Gas Ordinance:

- The County should require the oil and gas industry and/or permit applicants to completely fund/provide monies to the County, that would be used to hire a dedicated, qualified safety/environmental compliance person(s) (that would be hired by, and report to, the County) necessary to adequately review the applications *and* oversee the work on behalf of the public. Furthermore, it is imperative that the application review process include meaningful and timely public notification, a hearing, and input.
- The County must adequately address actions/monitoring that prevents the contamination of aquifers, especially the ABQ aquifer that serves nearly 1-million people as their drinking water source. Further protection of our drinking water supply is necessary because the NM Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) does not require companies to drill test wells for routine oil and gas drilling. The County's ordinance should require oil and gas companies to perform baseline groundwater testing and post-drilling monitoring of potentially affected media.
- The ordinance should specify meaningful, deterrent fines - currently oil and gas company fines are only \$300 for violations, and the language does not distinguish between minor or major violations. Small fines (e.g. \$300) do not necessarily encourage oil and gas companies to operate as good land stewards and neighbors. Although the NM's maximum fine is \$1000 (which is very low when one considers the high cost of remediation and irreplaceable resources), there has been a large drop in fines collected by NM OCD since 2009 and a sharp increase in the number of spills.
- The County should require the oil and gas industry and/or applicants to provide monies so that the Sandoval County public is appropriately compensated for degraded public roads, use of emergency services and preparedness response planning, and any other County response costs necessary to protect it's citizenry regarding potential health and safety issues and other standards.

Thank you for your service and consideration of these and other comments received from Sandoval County residents - the people for whom you work - and other New Mexico residents with vested interests.

Dawn Foster, P.E.

Questions?

One of the geologists stated privately to the question of what happens to the contaminated water that "it was left in the ground". I haven't found any information that supports that answer. What I found was two ways. Recycle that less contaminated water used to frack by using it again in the fracking process or put it into a well made for disposal of the used water which I understand can be salt water which is associated with fracking.

I would like some factual information on how many jobs are associated with running a well after the original set up of the well for fracking. And how many local people would actually be hired. What would be the requirements for hiring?

Also I would like facts on where and how this water would be obtained, and who is paying for our water for the fracking process and what chemicals will be used in the fracking process.

How would the oil and methane be transported from the site? And will the methane be collected or will it just be burned off adding to air pollution?

Thank you

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Subject: against fracking in Sandoval County

Date: 7/17/2018 10:22 AM

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To whom it may concern, Please do not allow fracking in Sandoval County. We citizens need our water, clean & secure stable land and peace of mind. Fracking is so dangerous on all levels. It is a short term fix with long term consequences. There is a natural law that was put in place to protect us & it says that whatever we sow so shall we reap; some people call it cause & effect, others call it Karma.....Lets do good by our land and reap the good rewards that we and our children will enjoy going forward. Thank You.

I can't believe we're even considering allowing fracking around here when we've already seen the results of it in other states. That they will screw up and contaminate the groundwater is inevitable, as is the moment when they retreat with the money and leave all of us holding the bag. The jobs it creates will be mostly temporary, and the wealth will be funneled to corporations elsewhere, but water is a precious resource here. The choice is clear, we shouldn't endanger our water supply with more fracking!