

Oil, Gas, Water

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Please support all reasonable and responsible oil and gas exploration and extraction measures including fracking.

Fracking

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Thank you for allowing our voices to be heard!

In 2016, the earthquakes sent us fleeing from Oklahoma to New Mexico. There were many discussions and a few time periods that the fracking was stopped to see if it made a difference and indeed it did!! There was increased damage to properties and the land. The Oklahoma research may be helpful to considering fracking in New Mexico.

When we began hearing fracking was being considered here in our county, we were devastated. We had already left one home state due to it and do not want to have to leave New Mexico. I do not have any documents to prove this, other than my honest word, that fracking caused much damage and heartache in Oklahoma!

Please do not to this to this beautiful country!!

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Oil and Gas Drilling in Sandoval County

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"Not in MY back yard" is the cry of all who depend on well water when it comes to oil and particularly fracking for natural gas for good reason. Oil drilling has long been known as a problem for ground water contamination and modern fracking has a well known reputation for widespread contamination issues of water as well as release of methane, and other chemicals into the air. This says nothing about the huge use of ground water in drilling/fracking that can lower the water table and cause wells to dry up. I would hope that our local government would be more responsive to the will of the people than our Federal government and take their wishes on this matter into consideration when drafting any legislation on oil and gas drilling. Of course, money talks, and those who can supply it will usually have their say over those who do not have it. However, this is not the way a democracy should work. Don't you think it's time we started making things more like they "should be" rather than like they have been in the past? Instead of destroying our beautiful state for short-term gains, shouldn't we be spending our efforts on non-polluting sources of energy?

Let's not forget the impact of oil and gas drilling on wildlife. Not only do fences and road construction affect their habitat and migration, but so does surface water contamination and forage removal or contamination. Open pits, ponds and lagoons can destroy wildlife as well as contaminate water. Water filled with contaminants should be contained in steel tanks, not allowed to sit in the open where the toxic chemicals can evaporate into the air, leech into the ground, or be consumed by wildlife.

There needs to be clear regulation of any trucking of contaminated liquids that may be destined for water treatment plants. What is the point of controlling leeching of these chemicals into ground water if it is instead dumped into a treatment system to end up in the city water supply?

One thing that must be considered when allowing oil and gas drilling is the flow of ground water from points A to points B. If the destination of drilling area ground water is to eventually wind up in well water sources, then there should be no drilling allowed. I suspect that for much of Sandoval County this would be the case due to the flow of water toward the Rio Grande valley. Modern drilling can cover a MUCH larger area than the local drill site. This area needs to be considered as part of the well and covered by all regulations even if it is miles from the actual hole in the ground.

Another very important thing to require is that the companies who do any oil and gas drilling are able to fairly compensate anyone who is

harmed by their activities. Just because there may be only one remote rancher whose water gets contaminated should not give the companies a free pass to do it.

When a well is exhausted, and the company abandons it, they should be required to restore the area to as pristine a condition as is humanly possible. Fines for failing to do so should be stiff but perhaps there should even be a fund set aside to cover the costs of such restoration right from the beginning of any drilling.

Since fracking uses many different toxic chemicals, companies should be required to report the concentrations and identity of such chemicals to state regulators. Clusters of cancer surrounding fracking sites could then be more clearly tied to such activity.

It is my observation that penalties for failure to obey County regulations are usually minimal and often unenforced. I would hope that there would be safeguards against that when permitting any drilling. Perhaps something like a bond or escrow fund should be established to cover possible issues that are unforeseen or result from irresponsible business practices? As we all know, regulations are not always followed. It would be best to put any safeguards in place right in the beginning rather than after the fact. For example, well water in nearby areas should be tested prior to any drilling.

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Drilling

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Mother Earth has warned other areas of this country not to do any fracking by having minor quakes, water contamination, methane leakage and leaving behind devastation of our land.

Allowing this would be a dereliction of the duties of the council to keep the people, land and the environment safe.

I suggest do your research.

Thank you,

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Sandoval County Oil and Gas Ordinance

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My husband and I are residents of Sandoval County, residing in Corrales. We grew up a county abutting northern Sandoval County. We know this land and love it for its pristine beauty and diversity. We also know that water is the number-one most precious resource in this county. It boggles our mind that oil and gas companies are so selfish-thinking that they are willing to contaminate and waste that precious resource by drilling and fracking close to where people live, close to national treasures (ancient ruins, historic sites and parklands, flora and fauna) which also are vulnerable, just to obtain monetary gains for themselves.

Oil and gas has been a part of New Mexico's economy for a long time. But we've learned in recent years that we can't continue to rape our planet and keep the Earth healthy, and all of us inhabitants healthy as well. It has to stop. Gradually, oil and gas (and coal) will be replaced by solar and wind power...and perhaps other less invasive power sources to be developed. New Mexico has dropped to the bottom of so many things (education, drugs, crime), will you add environmental issues to that horror list? Tourism is also a New Mexico industry, but will people say, "Go to New Mexico, but don't drink the water!" We have most of the Native reservations and villages in Sandoval County. Will future images include an oil rig next door to an ancient adobe structure? And then there's the question of earthquakes, which DO occur with fracking, so those ancient structures may not be left standing—or maybe even my relatively new house.

Instead of being self-serving and inward thinking, oil and gas companies should look outward and seek ways to improve their industries, perhaps alter their objectives from "more, more, more" to "how can we save the land and her people" and "how can we change our industry to make this a better world."

New Mexico has an abundance of solar and wind power. Forward thinking people have harassed those sources. Solar and wind power have some drawbacks, sure. But not the life-threatening, earth-scorching, toxic remains that fracking and drilling leave behind. **I am totally and completely and whole-heartedly against fracking and drilling in Sandoval County!** No one has the right to jeopardize lives for the sake of making money. No one can tell me that more and more oil and gas production will improve my existence here in New Mexico...it will not.

We are at the cusp of a turning point in the history of the *world*. We can continue to ruin our planet and the lives of the creatures who live here so that none will have any quality of life (and where we are headed at a rapid pace). Or we can do the right thing and work toward creating energy sources that do no harm—especially to our water and thus to us people.

No fracking! No drilling!

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Gas Oil and water are a poor mix

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There is no need to consider endangering our precious water! Fracking in our area is to endanger our water, property values and growth in our county. Pices of oil and gas are at low levels and refineries are in need to keep up with current development. Cleaner fuels are already on the way to replace the old ways. Oak. is a mess from Energy Transfer Partners and Dominion also has legal issues. The history and records are available for others to read on the internet. Just the mention of no more open meetings regarding the drafting of a new ordinan cecauses to be fearful. Please protect us from the horrors available from this greed.

Sincerely,

Bonnie McCrary

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