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CASE DOCKET | September 2009

Your healthy return on investment in the New Mexico Environmental Law Center | Your membership gift last year helped to fund thousands of hours of pro bono work by New Mexico's best environmental lawyers. Your renewal will help us continue our work on these cases, and enable us take on new, important cases in 2010. Our docket changes monthly [we receive 4-6 requests for help each month] - please see www.nmelc.org for updates.



WATER QUALITY AND WATER QUANTITY

- + **Gila River protection** (southwestern NM) - Investigate the options open to the State of New Mexico concerning water projects on the Gila River under the Arizona Water Settlements Act.
- + **Los Alamos National Laboratory radioactive liquid waste facility permit** (Los Alamos) - prevent the contamination of groundwater and the Rio Grande with radioactive waste.
- + **Rio Bonito protection** (near Ruidoso) -- oppose water rights transfers that would impact the Rio Bonito.
- + **San Augustin Ranch LLC water rights appropriation** (near Datil) - prevent a speculative water rights appropriation of 54,000 acre-feet of water.



URANIUM MINING

- + **Generic Environmental Impact Statement for *in situ* leach uranium mining** (nationwide) - Oppose the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's effort to streamline its uranium mining licensure process.
- + **Haaku Water Office uranium consultations** (Acoma Pueblo) Represent Haaku Water Office of Acoma Pueblo in government-to-government consultations concerning new uranium mining permits near Acoma Pueblo and on or near Mount Taylor.
- + **Mount Taylor uranium projects** (Grants) - Oppose proposed uranium mining on and near Mount Taylor, a sacred site for the pueblos and tribes of the Colorado Plateau.

- + **Proposed HRI uranium mines** (Crownpoint-Church Rock region) - prevent proposed uranium mining that would contaminate the sole source of drinking water for nearly 15,000 people, most of whom are Navajo.



CLIMATE CHANGE

- + **New Mexico carbon emission caps** (statewide) - advocate for a carbon emission cap in New Mexico that will mitigate the state's contribution to global climate change.



OIL AND GAS

- + **Santa Fe County Oil and Gas Ordinance** (Santa Fe County) - Ensure that stringent protections are implemented to guarantee that oil and gas drilling is not detrimental to human health, or environmental and cultural resources in the Galisteo Basin.
- + **Galisteo Basin oil and gas drilling** (Santa Fe County) - Represent client in State permitting proceedings concerning oil and gas drilling permits in the Galisteo Basin.
- + **Mora County oil and gas drilling** (Mora County) - advocate for stringent protections to ensure that oil and gas drilling is not detrimental to human health, or environmental and cultural resources in Mora County, one of the poorest counties in the U.S.
- + **New Mexico Oil Pit Rule change** (statewide) - Fight an industry appeal of the Oil Pit Rule, and appeal a regulatory rollback of the chloride standard in the Oil Pit Rule. The Pit Rule mandates that industry clean up the liquid waste pits associated with oil and gas wells.



HARD ROCK (NON URANIUM) MINING

- + **BER beryllium mine** (near Truth or Consequences) - prevent the opening of a beryllium mine that threatens the Monticello Ditch and springs that are culturally and ecologically sensitive.
- + **LAC gold mine reclamation** (Santa Fe County) - ensure that a cyanide heap leach gold mine is properly reclaimed.
- + **Freeport McMoRan [formerly Phelps Dodge] Chino copper mine** (near Silver City) - advocate for cleanup of contaminated groundwater, and protect groundwater from future contamination by the nation's 4th largest open-pit mine.
- + **Freeport McMoRan [formerly Phelps Dodge] Tyrone copper mine** (near Silver City) - advocate for cleanup of contaminated groundwater, and protect groundwater from future contamination by the nation's 5th largest open-pit mine.



SOLID WASTE

- + **Chaparral landfill construction** (Chaparral) - represent citizens in a hearing concerning a proposed landfill in a Mexican-American community.



AIRPORT EXPANSION

- + **Taos Pueblo airport expansion** (Taos Pueblo) - prevent, or mitigate the effects of, the expansion of Taos regional airport, which threatens the culture and ancient buildings at the Pueblo.