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Subject: Please do not repeat the Pit Rule

**Florene Davidson
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Dear Ms. Davidson:

As a citizen (and nurse) concerned about the health of New Mexicans, I want to encourage you to preserve the Pit Rule as it stands. I fear the increased use of temporary disposal pits, the simplification of the permitting and monitoring process, and the more lenient parameters for toxic chlorides in the pit waste. According to commission records, the drilling industry has so far presented no evidence that the Pit Rule is difficult to comply with, "overly burdensome," or ineffective as a tool for environmental protection. New Mexico has become a leader in protecting the public from the hazards of mineral and petroleum extraction, and I would like to see this leadership continue. Companies should not take advantage of these difficult economic times to relax environmental protections laws. The Pit Rule has been an effective deterrent to groundwater contamination as a result of oil and gas drilling; let's keep this good law on the books.

**Sincerely,
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