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**From:** Ilene Diamond [syncopation19@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 27, 2012 2:30 PM  
**To:** Davidson, Florene, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Pit Rule restrictions are necessary

To the Oil Conservation Division:

I am a New Mexican who worked in the Forest Service in the 70's and 80's, and has been teaching at TVI/CNM for 28 years in the sciences.

Please do not decrease the restrictions for oil and gas developments in New Mexico. Not only will green energy production expand in the next decade but the necessity for clean water and maintaining our environment will become more prominent in the minds of the citizens.

Protect our state.

Ilene Diamond ~ citizen, full-time faculty, mom, and wife

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**From:** jane paulls [jpaulls@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 27, 2012 1:14 PM  
**To:** Davidson, Florene, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Groundwater Protection.

I was pleased to hear that New Mexico had a high standard for prevention of ground water contamination. I am concerned that protection may be removed for oil and gas development. Clean up is surely more expensive than prevention. I urge the commissioners to maintain New Mexico's high standard regarding the Pit Rule. Thank you for your consideration. Jane Paulls

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**From:** Laura Spitzer [lspitzer@nmsu.edu]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 27, 2012 10:29 AM  
**To:** Davidson, Florene, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Keep the Pit Rule

Dear Ms. Davidson,

Here's the compelling argument for keeping the Pit Rule: before it was enacted, New Mexico had at least 400 cases of groundwater contamination from oil and gas development. Since the Pit Rule, there have been zero.

We are lucky that New Mexico has such a high standard. Please do not give in to greed. Do we prefer a happy industry or healthy New Mexicans? It's a clear choice.

Thank you,

Laura Spitzer

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**From:** Laurie Letter [laurielsing@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 27, 2012 7:48 PM  
**To:** Davidson, Florene, EMNRD  
**Subject:** NMPit Rule

Dear Ms. Davidson,

I strongly urge the Oil Conservation Commission to continue to abide by the current NM Pit Rule. Please do not cave in to oil and gas industry pressure to roll back regulations. We need to protect our land and water from unnecessary contamination!!

Thank you,

Laurie Letter

Santa Fe NM

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**From:** Laurie Marnell [lmarnellaz@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 27, 2012 8:10 PM  
**To:** Davidson, Florene, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Pit rule

We can live without oil. We cannot live without water. The Pit rule was enacted to protect our water. Do not roll it back.

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**From:** madeline aron [madelinearon@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 27, 2012 8:33 AM  
**To:** Davidson, Florene, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Pit Rule

Ms. Davidson: Keep the PIT rule. With it, there has been no contamination, without it there has been much . Save our state's water supply, and non-contaminated resources. We deserve a clean environment!.Sincerely, Madeline Aron

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**From:** Andrew Gold [rosemount@newmexico.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 27, 2012 1:58 AM  
**To:** Davidson, Florene, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Save the Pit Rule

**Prior to the Pit rule's implementation four years ago, New Mexico had at least 400 cases of groundwater contamination from oil and gas development.**

**Since the Pit Rule, there have been zero.**

**The Commission must not cave in to industry pressure but must continue ensuring a high standard for our beautiful state's land and water.**

**The petroleum industry can WELL AFFORD to protect our environment which they do not own and from which they are making huge private profits.**

**Thank you for your consideration.**

**Sincerely,**

**Pastor Andrew Gold; Santa Fe**

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**From:** steve seyb [tomeseyb@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 27, 2012 11:29 AM  
**To:** Davidson, Florene, EMNRD  
**Subject:** pending petition on the Pit Rule

To: Oil Conservataion Commission (Ms. Bailey, Mr. Balch, and Mr. Bloom).  
Frm: Steve Seyb, Los Lunas, NM

Please accept this as my opposition to the petitioned changes to the Pit Rule. I support it as currently works to protect our natural environment and all reasonable access to our natural resources.

I thank you for your consideration,

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**From:** duff will [duffworx@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 27, 2012 9:18 PM  
**To:** Davidson, Florene, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Pit rule public comment

Dear Sirs and Madams,

I feel very strongly that the absolute minimum public responsibility of those companies and individuals profiting from our natural energy resources is to expend the maximum effort to protect our land, air and water resources. To roll back New Mexico's effective regulations on these highly contaminated containment pits fails by a far stretch to do this.

PLEASE exercise your most conscience driven judgement to fend off this irresponsible, exploitive request of the drilling and energy industries.

Sincerely,

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