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**From:** Environment New Mexico <action@environmentnewmexico.org> on behalf of Alan Haggard <quantumcipher@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 15, 2012 3:36 PM  
**To:** Davidson, Florene, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Protect the New Mexico Pit Rule

Jun 15, 2012

Oil Conservation Commissioners

Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to maintain the current New Mexico Pit Rule, which protects our water supply from drilling waste.

For the last four years, New Mexico's Pit Rule has kept drilling waste out of our water supply. I urge you to maintain this effective rule.

Sincerely,

Alan Haggard  
1828 Gateway Dr  
San Diego, CA 92105-5104  
(619) 263-0104

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**From:** Environment New Mexico <action@environmentnewmexico.org> on behalf of Andrea Castellanos <acastell2@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 15, 2012 10:41 AM  
**To:** Davidson, Florene, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Protect the New Mexico Pit Rule

Jun 15, 2012

Oil Conservation Commissioners

Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to maintain the current New Mexico Pit Rule, which protects our water supply from drilling waste.

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Sincerely,

Andrea Castellanos  
PO Box 446  
Veguita, NM 87062-0446

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**From:** Environment New Mexico <action@environmentnewmexico.org> on behalf of Connie Petersen <valkyrie719@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 15, 2012 3:01 PM  
**To:** Davidson, Florene, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Protect the New Mexico Pit Rule

Jun 15, 2012

Oil Conservation Commissioners

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Sincerely,

Connie Petersen  
2800 N Roadrunner Pkwy Apt 205  
Las Cruces, NM 88011-0856

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**From:** Environment New Mexico <action@environmentnewmexico.org> on behalf of Don Cooney <dbcooney@q.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 15, 2012 7:18 AM  
**To:** Davidson, Florene, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Protect the New Mexico Pit Rule

Jun 15, 2012

Oil Conservation Commissioners

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Sincerely,

Don Cooney  
2210 Carmello Way  
Santa Fe, NM 87505-5501

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**From:** Environment New Mexico <action@environmentnewmexico.org> on behalf of Greer Glass <greerglass@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 15, 2012 5:13 AM  
**To:** Davidson, Florene, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Protect the New Mexico Pit Rule

Jun 15, 2012

Oil Conservation Commissioners

Dear Commissioners,

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Sincerely,

Greer Glass  
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Taos, NM 87571-5202  
(575) 758-0388

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**From:** Environment New Mexico <action@environmentnewmexico.org> on behalf of Jeffrey Hatchell <jhatchell@q.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 15, 2012 7:21 AM  
**To:** Davidson, Florene, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Protect the New Mexico Pit Rule

Jun 15, 2012

Oil Conservation Commissioners

Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to maintain the current New Mexico Pit Rule, which protects our water supply from drilling waste.

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Sincerely,

Jeffrey Hatchell  
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Los Alamos, NM 87544-1510

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**From:** Environment New Mexico <action@environmentnewmexico.org> on behalf of Joan Brown <joankansas@swcp.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 15, 2012 4:39 PM  
**To:** Davidson, Florene, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Protect the New Mexico Pit Rule

Jun 15, 2012

Oil Conservation Commissioners

Dear Commissioners,

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Sincerely,

Joan Brown  
1004 Major Ave NW  
Albuquerque, NM 87107-2453



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**From:** Environment New Mexico <action@environmentnewmexico.org> on behalf of Judy Carr <judy@carr-law.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 15, 2012 9:58 AM  
**To:** Davidson, Florene, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Protect the New Mexico Pit Rule

Jun 15, 2012

Oil Conservation Commissioners

Dear Commissioners,

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Sincerely,

Judy Carr  
3056 Plaza Blanca  
Santa Fe, NM 87507-5342

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**From:** Environment New Mexico <action@environmentnewmexico.org> on behalf of Karen B. King <kingkb@swcp.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 15, 2012 9:00 AM  
**To:** Davidson, Florene, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Protect the New Mexico Pit Rule

Jun 15, 2012

Oil Conservation Commissioners

Dear Commissioners;

I urge you to maintain the current New Mexico Pit Rule, which protects our water supply from drilling waste.

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Sincerely,

Karen B. King  
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Albuquerque, NM 87108-1026

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**From:** Environment New Mexico <action@environmentnewmexico.org> on behalf of Larry Glover <jlarryglover@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 15, 2012 7:21 AM  
**To:** Davidson, Florene, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Protect the New Mexico Pit Rule

Jun 15, 2012

Oil Conservation Commissioners

Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to maintain the current New Mexico Pit Rule, which protects our water supply from drilling waste.

For the last four years, New Mexico's Pit Rule has kept drilling waste out of our water supply. I urge you to maintain this effective rule.

Water quality is not and should not be an issue of compromise. The current Pit Rule is now proven to work.

What is also proven is that extractive industries are willing to compromise on potential damage to water quality in favor of profit.

Please do not cave in on this vital issue.

Sincerely,

Larry Glover  
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Santa Fe, NM 87508-8242

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**From:** Environment New Mexico <action@environmentnewmexico.org> on behalf of Linley Solari <linleysolari@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 15, 2012 3:00 PM  
**To:** Davidson, Florene, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Protect the New Mexico Pit Rule

Jun 15, 2012

Oil Conservation Commissioners

Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to maintain the current New Mexico Pit Rule, which protects our water supply from drilling waste.

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Sincerely,

Linley Solari  
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**From:** Environment New Mexico <action@environmentnewmexico.org> on behalf of Louie Martinez <louie.martinez@cbre.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 15, 2012 12:26 PM  
**To:** Davidson, Florene, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Protect the New Mexico Pit Rule

Jun 15, 2012

Oil Conservation Commissioners

Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to maintain the current New Mexico Pit Rule, which protects our water supply from drilling waste.

With Climate climate changes affecting our desert condition and beautiful mountain conditions ever precious drop of water counts. I urge you to think this through and act in a responsible manner. How we treat the earth and our water matters !

Sincerely,

Louie Martinez  
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Albuquerque, NM 87110-2651

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**From:** Environment New Mexico <action@environmentnewmexico.org> on behalf of Margaret Rabe <mgrabe@cableone.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 15, 2012 1:53 PM  
**To:** Davidson, Florene, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Protect the New Mexico Pit Rule

Jun 15, 2012

Oil Conservation Commissioners

Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to maintain the current New Mexico Pit Rule, which protects our water supply from drilling waste.

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I hope you all realize you get to drink the same water for as long as it lasts.

Sincerely,

Margaret Rabe  
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Rio Rancho, NM 87124-0999

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**From:** Environment New Mexico <action@environmentnewmexico.org> on behalf of Mary Anna Palmer <maryanna50@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 15, 2012 9:57 AM  
**To:** Davidson, Florene, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Protect the New Mexico Pit Rule

Jun 15, 2012

Oil Conservation Commissioners

Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to maintain the current New Mexico Pit Rule, which protects our water supply from drilling waste.

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Sincerely,

Mary Anna Palmer  
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Albuquerque, NM 87107-2737

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**From:** Environment New Mexico <action@environmentnewmexico.org> on behalf of Mary Green <greengreen108@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 15, 2012 3:32 PM  
**To:** Davidson, Florene, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Protect the New Mexico Pit Rule

Jun 15, 2012

Oil Conservation Commissioners

Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to maintain the current New Mexico Pit Rule, which protects our water supply from drilling waste.

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I do not think you really need me to remind you of the importance of clean water. Just in case you do, I'll start with the fact that about

5 thousand children a day die from a lack of clean drinking water around the planet. And, then there's the increase of cancers and deaths from endocrine disrupters in polluted waters...deaths of wildlife/livestock as well as human lives. When a culture/society loses its children and its general population, it costs. When much time and money has to go into treatment of illnesses, it costs.

In the long run, unsafe water COSTS A CULTURE (or our state) a whole lot more than doing what is needed to protect a water supply.

Sincerely,

Mary Green  
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Taos, NM 87571-1779  
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**From:** Michael Madden <mikemadden52@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 15, 2012 3:05 PM  
**To:** Davidson, Florene, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Keep the Pit Rule Intact!

Ms. Bailey, Mr. Balch, and Mr. Bloom,

Regarding the oil and gas industries' petition to roll back the requirements of the Pit Rule. Prior to the rule's implementation four years ago, New Mexico had at least 400 cases of groundwater contamination from oil and gas development. Since establishing the Pit Rule, there have been zero. The record speaks for itself. Please do not cave-in to industry pressure. Continue to keep a high standard for our state's land and water.

Thank you,

Mike Madden  
Turquoise Trail Preservation Trust(TTPT), President  
East Mountain Regional Trail Council(EMRTC), Co-founder

30 Stagecoach Trail  
Sandia Park, NM 87047  
505-281-3393

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**From:** Environment New Mexico <action@environmentnewmexico.org> on behalf of Peggie Brandau <p.brandau@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 15, 2012 12:58 PM  
**To:** Davidson, Florene, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Protect the New Mexico Pit Rule

Jun 15, 2012

Oil Conservation Commissioners

Dear Commissioners,

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Once water is contaminated, it can't be reversed. In our arid southwest clean water is precious and we should do every thing we can to protect it. Please don't let already wealthy oil companies destroy our water just so they can save a few bucks.

Sincerely,

Peggie Brandau  
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El Prado, NM 87529-7402  
(575) 779-0985

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**From:** Environment New Mexico <action@environmentnewmexico.org> on behalf of Rex Estell <rxestell@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 15, 2012 3:35 PM  
**To:** Davidson, Florene, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Protect the New Mexico Pit Rule

Jun 15, 2012

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Sincerely,

Rex Estell  
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Indpls., IN 46227  
(575) 613-2391

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**From:** Environment New Mexico <action@environmentnewmexico.org> on behalf of Sheila Johnson <sheilaj@unm.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 15, 2012 8:54 AM  
**To:** Davidson, Florene, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Protect the New Mexico Pit Rule

Jun 15, 2012

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Sincerely,

Sheila Johnson  
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Albuquerque, NM 87110-5312

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**From:** Environment New Mexico <action@environmentnewmexico.org> on behalf of Thom Evans <delriotesuque@q.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 15, 2012 7:56 AM  
**To:** Davidson, Florene, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Protect the New Mexico Pit Rule

Jun 15, 2012

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Sincerely,

Thom Evans  
5 Tesuque Ln  
Santa Fe, NM 87506-0077

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**From:** Tom Shillinglaw <tom.shillinglaw@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 15, 2012 7:12 AM  
**To:** Davidson, Florene, EMNRD  
**Cc:** Tom Shillinglaw  
**Subject:** Pit Rule

The comment period for the Oil Conservation Commission's proposed dramatic loosening of the state's "pit rule" was extended until today.

I am a retired corporate lawyer; my wife and I moved to Santa Fe two years ago - which had always been our plan due to our long term attraction to Santa Fe and to New Mexico in general. Since I am a fairly new resident of the state, I am not well versed in the state's politics. Personally, I had always voted Republican - until the 2004 election.

I do not know the science which of course should be used by the Commission as the basis for this proposed pit rule change - it is the Commission's job to know this and base their decision on it. When an administrative agency is asked to make a change in a rule like this, typically the parties proposing the change have the burden to show with data (not arm waving) that the existing rule is too burdensome on them. In this case, I don't think that fair minded people could say that the oil and gas industry can meet this burden -- the industry is not at all suffering in general, or specifically in N.M. in whole or in part because of this rule. Again, they have the burden of proof in this regard. I would hazard to say that part of the Commission's deliberations (if not all of it) will be based on the record -- i.e., has there been groundwater contamination under the current rule and had there been contamination under the preceding rule. If the incidence of contamination under the current rule had gone down, then I would imagine that those now proposing to go back to the prior standard (or even a lesser one) would have a stiff burden of proof to justify their request - putting politics aside that is.

A couple of interesting points I can add. I had, several years ago, been in a negotiation in Houston with a large very well known multinational oil and gas related company. I remember during one of the sessions the subject of New Mexico came up and I was surprised at the contempt the company's representatives held the state -- laughingly referring to New Mexico as a "pushover for us". Not to put too fine a point on it, but I hate to live in a state that is so poorly regarded by our friends to the east. The second point is that the company where I worked was based in upstate New York, where "fracking" is a huge issue -- the science there is at best open as to the detrimental effects of fracking on groundwater -- not that fracking and the pit rule are the same issue (to my limited understanding at least), but the issue in both is groundwater contamination -- and how many, many people in western N.Y. and western Pa. simply cannot bring themselves to trust what the oil and gas industry is saying to them about the inherent safety of fracking.

Now I understand that in the last election apparently Gov. Martinez received substantial donations from the oil and gas industry (over \$800,000 from press reports, as I recall). I also understand that after the election she appointed new members to the Oil Conservation Commission. I only ask that the Commission members put aside what I can only imagine to be very intense pressure from the oil and gas industry and make your decision on the basis of what is best for the state's groundwater and not to increase the profits of that industry (which is of course the only thing they want - I think it is laughable to take a position that they care one whit about N.M. groundwater quality). In this regard, having worked all my life for two large American corporations, I think I am qualified to say that I kind of know how they work (and how they don't) -- and I would be very very hesitant to take at face value comments by the oil and gas industry that the current rule is costing the state jobs and that these companies are "going elsewhere". This on the face of it is a ludicrous statement -- I mean, companies

don't "leave" productive assets (though they may sell them to others) and in any event where else are they going to go (to Russia or miles off the Gulf coast ?). These companies have huge resources and are very very wealthy. We have what they want and need and the last thing we should do is to give it to them on their terms. If they want our natural resources (and they most assuredly do) then New Mexico should not continue to be a "pushover" for our friends in Houston. If anything, the state should (i) increase the royalties we get from these companies for taking our oil and gas and (ii) remove any and all payments the state makes back to them (the rationale for these payments I don't understand at all).

So, have the Commission stand up for New Mexico, reject the pressure from the industry and retain the pit rule as it currently is.

Tom Shillinglaw  
P.O. Box 1657  
Santa Fe, N.M. 87504

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**From:** Environment New Mexico <action@environmentnewmexico.org> on behalf of Trais Kliphuis <traisk@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, June 15, 2012 1:00 PM  
**To:** Davidson, Florene, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Protect the New Mexico Pit Rule

Jun 15, 2012

Oil Conservation Commissioners

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Sincerely,

Trais Kliphuis  
2445 Camino Capitan  
Santa Fe, NM 87505-6467



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**From:** Environment New Mexico [action@environmentnewmexico.org] on behalf of tomas herndon [harnkster@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 15, 2012 5:14 PM  
**To:** Davidson, Florene, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Protect the New Mexico Pit Rule

Jun 15, 2012

Oil Conservation Commissioners

Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to maintain the current New Mexico Pit Rule, which protects our water supply from drilling waste.

Please don't cave into the ultra-reactionary, fascist, racist, corrupt, traitorous, terrorist Tea Party thugs and their partners in crimes against humanity, Fox "News" (the propaganda arm of the RepubliKKKans).

For the last four years, New Mexico's Pit Rule has kept drilling waste out of our water supply. I urge you to maintain this effective rule.

Sincerely,

tomas herndon  
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Albuquerque, NM 87108-3438  
(505) 232-6910

## Davidson, Florene, EMNRD

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**From:** Environment New Mexico [action@environmentnewmexico.org] on behalf of Anne Douglass [anne.douglass@earthlink.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 15, 2012 5:43 PM  
**To:** Davidson, Florene, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Protect the New Mexico Pit Rule

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Anne Douglass  
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Taos, NM 87571-5310  
(575) 737-9022