

Governor Richardson

November 8, 2007

Re: Pit Regulations

Governor Richardson,

I am from a 2nd generation family in the oil & gas industry, and feel that the industry has always strived to make a positive impact not only for New Mexico's economy but environmentally as well. This proposed regulation is ridiculous in the manner that there will be absolutely no positive impact in any area only negative results. Negative meaning you will have reduced New Mexico revenue by 35% with no other means to replace it except raises taxes on "un-employed" citizens, place hundreds possibly thousands of citizens out of work with no means to support themselves or their families and no state revenue to pay for the extra State support (food, medical care, utilities, etc.) that will be needed. New Mexico has made great progress in the unemployment rate (5.6% in 1999 to 4.2% in 2006). I find it ironic that the same Governor that is taking credit for that is also the Governor that will undo that progress and then some, as well as making New Mexico probably the poorest state in the Nation.

We may only be a political stepping stone to you but the same people that you are sacrificing are the same people that voted you in as the Governor of OUR great State. I believe that the fact that you single handedly plummeted "your" state into economic devastation will outweigh any benefit that this regulation will have on your resume.



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