

**Fesmire, Mark, EMNRD**

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**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2007 7:24 AM

**To:** Fesmire, Mark, EMNRD

**Cc:** Colleen

**Subject:** thank you for not allowing open pit waste pits in Santa Fe County or in NM & enforcing strict env. oil drilling laws

Dear Mark,

I just wanted to thank you for not supporting open waste pits in Santa Fe County & enforcing strict environmental oil drilling laws.

I'd like to see this decision extended to all of NM. And, ideally, I'd like to see green alternative energy sources and businesses, not oil business, promoted in Santa Fe.

Furthermore, in regard to oil co's arguments saying that by not drilling it would hurt school systems.

I believe this is a fallacy. The **October Sun** wrote an article called "**Trouble in the Tax Accessor's Office**" p 20.

It discusses how **property taxes have not been re-evaluated by the County Assessors Office in "years."**

Many people (myself included) are paying much higher taxes than neighbors who bought property years ago because the county has not re-accessed properties since the original date it was bought! **Teacher's salaries "normally" originate from property taxes in other states.** I'd rather have my property taxes raised to give teachers decent salaries than to support oil drilling efforts that are detrimental to Santa Fe County as a whole!

Keep up the good work!

Thank you;  
Colleen McCann

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