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From: DansEigner@cs.com
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2008 3:11 PM
To: NM OCD, EMNRD
Subject: Rio Arriba County

To: Oil Conservation Division,
Re: Rio Arriba County
From: Drs. Janet and Joseph Eigner, Santa Fe County

Dear Decision Makers on the OCD,

Please value the safety of New Mexico's fragile aquifers and water supply in Rio Arriba County above the unrealistic harvesting requests of independent oil and drilling companies, such as Approach Oil & Gas, Inc and Approach Operating, LLC . No more interference with replentishing our aquifers, please.

Sincerely,

Janet and Joseph Eigner
6 Verano Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87508

Re: has filed an application with the Oil Conservation Division (OCD) to s (in the subject line, put Rio Arriba County). In addition,

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From: Rebecca Procter [rprocter@msn.com]
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2008 4:30 PM
To: NM OCD, EMNRD
Subject: Rio Arriba County

Dear OCD staff,

Having attended the a portion of the hearing concerning Rio Arriba County and the issue of drilling by Approach Operating, I would like to register my public comment by e-mail. I believe there are two main legal/regulatory issues at stake, of equal importance. First, Rio Arriba County is asserting its power to regulate drilling regardless of oversight by the OCD. If recent discussions in which OCD participated concerning the same issue in Santa Fe County are accurate, Rio Arriba does indeed have the power to do so. I strongly support its assertion of this right.

Second, based on testimony I heard from landowners, there is the issue of whether Approach fulfilled its legal and ethical obligations to surface owners. It appears that evasion, secrecy, and lack of honesty or clarity has characterized the interaction of Approach with local property owners. For this reason, the County has the authority to pull drilling permits and to deny those pending.

Finally, I want to comment on a larger environmental issue. The Tierra Amarilla is a rich, irreplaceable, and unique ecosystem within New Mexico, generating a huge amount of the state's surface water and containing very fragile intermontane and alpine environments. The use of invasive extractive technologies to strip vegetation, alter water flows, create changes in the level of air quality, create roads and drill pads that accelerate erosion, and irreversibly change the visual and auditory setting is not ethically acceptable. The natural resources of New Mexico are the first priority citizens and state agencies have, and this should guide any decision to allow use of a technology that is already on its way out as a viable source of energy for the state and the world.

Thank you for providing a forum for public comment on these extremely important proceedings.

Sincerely,

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From: Nicole Lonner [nicolelonner@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2008 5:15 PM
To: NM OCD, EMNRD
Subject: Rio Arriba County

To Whom it May Concern,

I fully support Rio Arriba in their effort to challenge the drilling permits of Approach. Any plans to drill in the proposed area poses a significant risk to a vital source for New Mexico's surface waters. With the water situation as it currently is, there is no reason to endanger our most precious resource. Yes, in the desert lands of NM we must all agree that water is far more precious than oil. Oil brings money (for some), but water is life for everyone.

Please support Rio Arriba in their quest to protect their water, land and people.

Thank you so much for your serious consideration of this dire matter, Nicole Lonner Santa Fe, NM

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From: Alexis Pilialohaeku'upu'uwai Higginbotham [alexish8@earthlink.net]
Sent: Monday, June 23, 2008 10:50 AM
To: NM OCD, EMNRD
Subject: Challenging Approach

Rio Arriba County has filed an application with the Oil Conservation Division (OCD) to challenge the drilling permits of the company Approach and I totally support them in their endeavor.

When will this end??? When will communities finally be able to say NO! to oil and gas drilling without wearing themselves out while fighting back. I'm sick of oil and gas companies whose bottom line isn't really about supplying fuel - it's really always been about megabucks. It's always been about the bottom line and I'm sick of them and having to fight them off in order to protect land, water, and quality of life.

**Alexis Higginbotham
Santa Fe, NM**

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