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Mr. Fesmire:

After further discussion with the County's hydrologist, it has been determined that a more stringent standard for the annular space between the bore hole and the well casing is more appropriate in areas where the protection of water resources is of particular concern, as in the Rio Chama Watershed. The same would hold true for the requirement that water-based drilling mud be used instead of drilling fluids containing chemicals.

The location of the proposed wells does not seem to indicate that the protection of water resources is an issue that would require measures to be taken other than the enforcement of the Pit Rule. As such, the County would request that the hearing scheduled for November 6, 2008 be vacated.

The County is grateful for the opportunity to provide feedback on this matter and welcomes the opportunity to do so again. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I will be out of the office tomorrow (Tuesday), but Ted will be available to discuss this matter with you as necessary.

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