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Bueyeros, New Mexico

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**Submission for:**

Examiner Duly Appointed  
State of New Mexico  
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department  
Oil Conservation Division  
Hearing Room  
120 South St. Frances Drive  
Santa Fe, New Mexico

**Protests of Application to inject – Breitburn Operating LP 1930 SWD No. 124G**

I Patrick Maes am a property owner in Bueyeros, NM. I am unable to attend the hearing on January 7, 2015 in regards to:

C -109 Breitburn Operating LP 1930 SWD No. 12-4-G  
Section 12, T 19 North, R30 East NMPM Harding County.

I am concerned of the Salt Water Disposal Well and protest that this is not acknowledge iof production consisting of:

Salt Water AND with many different chemicals.

Value of life in Harding County:

1. Can an individual continue to live in Harding County after the fact of the Salt Water Disposal the chemicals seeping through the earth and raising to the tip of the ground within time.
2. The Salt Water Disposal will contain Brine that has many chemicals this will ensure with no explanation to the public that this action will harm the earth
3. The Salt Water Disposal Well will attain waist spills which leak and contaminate the earth of Bueyeros, NM. There has been not statics of how far a contamination will occur. Will Bill Breitburn unsure no contamination?

NOTE: With a waist spill Bueyerros does not have a fire department that is sufficient enough to attain this type of fire to ensure the safety of all individuals within the radius of this location. Bueyerros also is grass land and once a fire will begin how far will this type of fire spread?

4. Can an individual continue to raise cattle; this is by and families way to make a living?
  - (a) An article I have researched in Crossroads nm in southern NM states his cattle are now dying and he cannot replant his crop to insure the safety of pure cattle raising. Find this article attached written by John Flesher AP Environmental Writer. This is an enhanced concern of Bueyerros, NM. This is the only way the individuals in Bueyerros make a living.
5. Will the value of life in Harding County become unlivable within years from today? The value of life of Bueyerros, NM is the freedom of terms of an agricultural use will be daunting. The requirement of the occupation of the property is limited to a family solely as main employment. The possibility to comply with the tie of Breitburn initiation of SWD will damage all living possibilities that have been expanded throughout our generations of choice to live free of any way of living which is planned to passed on through generation this will surely come to a halt with Breitburn's initiation of attainment of their company without regards towards the individuals of Harding County and the Bravo Dome Families.
6. You, as the committee, I would like to remind of the incident in Solano, NM in 19995 when the CO2 plant blew up and injured many individuals that had to live with these injuries with one individual who has passed away. Will Breitburn insured the outcome to continuous living circumstances for anyone who may be injured or even the outcome of property damage to us as farmers in Harding County?
7. May fires have occurred with Salt Water Disposals, My question is of al fire will occur will Breitburn retain all responsibility of all damages of any individual9s) property or any other item that will occure. What type of agreement has Breitburn attained? I have not heard of any discussion with Bietburn's promises.

#### **The Protection of our land (Deterioration Loss of Value)**

1. The salt Water Disposal will surely deteriorate the value of the land because of the salt and chemicals raising to the earth. The aftermath will be a hideous outcome for the ranchers such as my family and myself to attain after this. There is no control of any upkeep of our land.
2. We the individuals of Harding County must protect the little that we have which is not much. However, a big company like Breitburn will come and go and leave the homesteaders with nothing to attain with after they are gone. Breitburn cannot insure that the living ways of individuals of Harding County will not change for the best of our abundant way of living.
3. We the individuals of Harding County must speak of the big companies that come in to damage and contaminate our land and leave us with lifeless and no sufficient recourse for the other land owners in the area that not say in the matter. This has occurred in previous promises and nothing is attained. Companies come and go and leave us with a recourse to better our land.

#### **The Protection of our Water Wells:**

1. This will within a time seep into the water and then there is not water in the area for the People of Harding County and the many animals (cattle, Deer, Antelope, and other).

2. They will say they will pump this down in the ground. However, it is not stated that it will go into the earth and will spread going in to the Bravo Dome and contaminate the rest of the land within time.
3. The company does not state what this will do to the water wells or the earth that individuals live on. I will specify that everyone in Harding County lives by Water Wells.
4. I being a land owner in Bueyeros will say I refuse to have Breitburn offer a water softener for our water wells at home. I request that the Water Wells stay fresh as they are without having any interference towards not having the ability to drink, water our animals (fresh grazing) and the outcome of what will we have to do? My statement is the cattle that is grazed Harding County are free grazed with on livestock antibiotics. This will be little our sales and up keep of any or our animals.
5. Breitburn will ruin our way of living an Harding County with the effect of their process with no explanation to the community.

#### Earthquakes

1. Will Fracking Wastewater Wells Poison the Ground, beneath and above the ground on the premises?
2. If there will be Fracking during this production the value of the properties around Harding County will not only be the only danger for individuals of the area. According to Oklahoma News there have been Earthquakes occur today caused by Salt Water Disposals. I do not want this to happen to my home. If any earth quakes as stated above with the SWD what type of payment will Breitburn pay the homesteader if this is to occur? There has been nothing said to this matter.

#### Exhibit A

Such as Oklahoma will there be earth quakes (Oklahoma about 3 years ago has 23 earthquakes at one time in one day). I am sure this is one of the Earthquakes that hit Raton NM. This not too far from <http://www.homefacts.com/earthquakes/New-Mexico> Bueyeros. Refer to: /County/Raton.html

Note: no earth quakes 1931 to 2000

There were earth quakes beginning 2001 through as the article dated in 2015

Oklahoma Acts to Limit Earthquake Risk at Oil and Gas Wells. The wastewater is pumped out of the ground when oil or gas is extracted, and they put back underground at what is known as a disposal or injection well. The instruction, issued late Monday, seeks a 38 percent cut in the amount of this waste water being pumped underground by the operators of 23 injection wells, largely northeast of Oklahoma City. Refer to [http://mobile.nytimes.com/2015/08/05/us/oklahoma-acts-limit-earthquake-risk-at-oil-gas-and-wells.html?\\_r=0&referrer=](http://mobile.nytimes.com/2015/08/05/us/oklahoma-acts-limit-earthquake-risk-at-oil-gas-and-wells.html?_r=0&referrer=)

#### ***The many earthquakes in Oklahoma:***

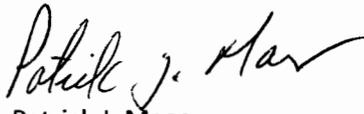
This year, 2015, the Oklahoma regulators have requested energy companies to sharply reduce underground wastewater disposal across an earthquake prone stretch of the state of Oklahoma. Earthquakes still exist today.

I would like to acknowledge I have been to the University of New Mexico Library and the other libraries throughout the State of New Mexico and I have not found any type of research towards the regulatory processing for Harding County. The process for Salt Water Disposal and Water Flood Expansion, pressure increase, surface and downhole commingling and various rights-of-way. Meaning any company

can prepare turnkey applications, of or involving the provision of a complete product or service that is ready for immediate use without any information to the community or surrounding area.

I am sure there are many other elements that I have not addressed.

Sincerely,



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Harding County Land Owner

Original hardcopy in the mail.



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