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Duran-Saenz, Theresa, EMNRD

From: Davidson, Florene, EMNRD
Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2012 9:25 AM
To: Duran-Saenz, Theresa, EMNRD
Subject: FW: The Pit Rule

Theresa, here is another comment for the pit rule.

-----Original Message-----

From: Johnnie Aldrich [<mailto:jraldrich@earthlink.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2012 9:06 AM
To: Davidson, Florene, EMNRD
Subject: The Pit Rule

Please express to all Commissioners my plea that the current Pit Rule not be eliminated or weakened. The Rule apparently has been good for our state in eliminating much of the contamination caused by unlined, unregulated pits.

Tony Berlant

Homage to the Big Apple, 1978 - #22.

Found diamonds, lithographed metal and sterling silver - Actual size.

SANTA MONICA

MANGA DRIVE /

STONS!

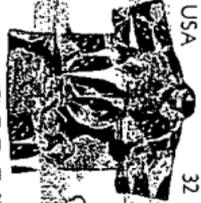
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KEEP THE PIT

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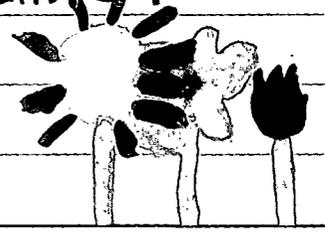
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DEAR COMMISSIONERS
 MS BAILEY, MR BLOOM,
 MR. BALCH, I AM
 CONCERNED THAT YOU
 AS A GROUP MAY BE
 INFLUENCED TO "CAVE"
 AND CHANGE BACK TO
 ALLOWING CONTAMINATION
 OF GROUND WATER. THE
 RECORD OF PRIOR (400
 CASES OF GROUND WATER
 CONTAMINATION) ^{AFTER} THE PIT RULE,
 (TO 'O' AFTER)
 TELLS ALL THAT IS NEEDED.
 DO NOT REGRESS!



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I LIKE TO THINK THAT
 NM WILL BE A FRONT
 RUNNER IN CARING FOR
 OUR ENVIRONMENT.
 I AM 78 YEARS OLD
 & DOING ALL THAT I
 POSSIBLY CAN TO DO
 THAT PERSONALLY & EX-
 PECT THE SAME FROM
 MY GOVERNMENT.
 THANKS FOR YOUR WORK
 ON OUR BEHALF!



Duran-Saenz, Theresa, EMNRD

From: Ancients Workshop <steve@ancientsworkshop.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2012 6:12 PM
To: Davidson, Florene, EMNRD
Subject: Proposed Pit rule changes

Oil Conservation Commission
Ms. Bailey, Mr. Balch, and Mr. Bloom.

I highly recommend ignoring or rejecting the recent proposal to weaken NM pit rules. While not wearing seatbelts and hardhats is more convenient in the short term to the person in a hurry we all know why those safety rules are required despite the extra steps. For the same reasons I see no compelling reason to reduce the safety procedures and oversight regarding the Pit Rule. The industry is not hurting and the potential downside is substantial. Even if the oil industry were to immediately and enthusiastically engage and address all damages to the commons and individual from results of their actions it is not possible to completely eliminate consequences of spills and contamination. Of course the industry has a poor track record when it comes to taking ownership and making good on accidents and oversights that occur as a result of their drive for profit. There are precious few watchdogs and safeguards in the oil industry relative to its size and potential impact. Your dedication to the safety of New Mexico's environment, air, ground water and quality of life are of immense importance.

Regards,
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