

Fesmire, Mark, EMNRD

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Dear Mr. Fesmire,

First of all, thank you for standing the ground regarding open waste pits and the disasters they create and for standing up for clean air, water and a healthy environment for plants, animals and humans.

I'm not able today to attend the hearings during the times for public comment. However, if during the public comment you would have this read into the record, or use it in any other way, I would appreciate going on the record.

I'm a small business owner in Santa Fe County. I am totally opposed to further pollution caused by the portions of the oil and gas industry who refuse to step in to the 21st century with the rest of us and move to a closed loop system for containment of the toxic wastes they produce. Where in the world would people and the Government allow any industry to come in and create such disastrous conditions for plants, animals, humans and our precious ground water and then just walk away? That was done in the 18000's. It's known that the inspectors are understaffed; that these open waste pits do cause ground water contamination, and it's far less expensive for oil and gas to just walk away from the problems these open pits create than to clean them up. Thus, the burden is placed on the citizens as taxpayers to pay for the clean up. **IF** it could even be cleaned up once the contaminants reach ground water and water wells.

If Oil and Gas wants to do business in New Mexico then they should use closed loop and closed loop only. I realize that causes them to pay for the conversion to closed loop, an expense they have avoided thus far. But for us, as citizens, to bear the burden of their waste and contamination is truly beyond comprehension.

Stand firm. I know you are doing the right thing right and I, along with a fast growing group of concerned citizens, want you to know you have support for the position OCD is taking on this issue.

Sincerely,

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