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***14784 & 14785***

**Duran-Saenz, Theresa, EMNRD**

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**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.

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**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

*HQmage to the Big Apple, 1978 — #22.*

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

STONES

MANNA DEVE /

STONS!

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KEEP THE PIT

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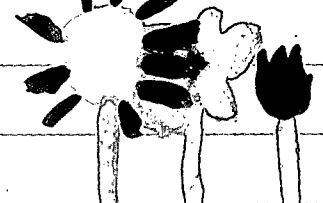
DEAR COMMISSIONERS  
 MS BAILEY, MR. BLOOM,  
 MR. BALCH, I AM  
 CONCERNED THAT YOU  
 AS A GROUP MAY BE  
 INFLUENCED TO "CAVE"  
 AND CHANGE BACK TO  
 ALLOWING CONTAMINATION  
 OF GROUND WATER. THE  
 RECORD OF PRIOR (400  
 CASES OF GROUND WATER  
 CONTAMINATION) <sup>AFTER</sup> THE PIT RULE,  
 (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**

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**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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