

Case 15278

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New Mexico Oil Conservation Division
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, NM 87505

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RE: Protest letter for:

Well Name: Gossett SWD 1 (fee lease). TD =5,100'

Proposed Injection Zones: Bell Canyon & Cherry Canyon (from 2,500' to 5,000')

Location: 313' FSL & 921' FEL Sec. 33, T. 23 S., R. 28 E., Eddy County, NM

Approximate Location: 2 miles south of Loving, NM

Applicant Name: High Roller Wells LLC. (936) 598-5577

Applicant's Address: 1008 Southview Circle, Center TX 75935

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to inform you that my fiancé and I will be present at the hearing on April 2nd, to protest the application for the aforementioned Water Disposal which High Roller Wells LLC is proposing near my property. My property is 2 lots South of the proposed site, within two hundred feet. We are currently under contract with Corrales Construction to build our home. Construction begins in 2-3 weeks. My fiancé and I and our 2 and 4 year olds will be occupying the property in 5 months. We also plan to re-drill the existing water well that is located on my property. We fear for our safety, but especially that of our children when they inhale the harmful gases released by these wells. We also fear that surrounding land and water will be contaminated should a spill occur. We plan to oppose the SWD at the hearing and will present our reasons for objection along with research on negative SWD factors and on an accident that occurred at one of High Roller Wells Disposals in Eagle Ford Disposal in Pearsall TX that resulted in 10 citations from OSHA on serious violations.

Furthermore, I have not received any paperwork from the company, or the company's attorney in regards to their intentions. And I have heard the same from other landowners. I have had to get information from other parties that have received correspondence. I previously mailed my opposition via certified mail. Below is the information I sent:

I am extremely opposed to the Disposal request for very legitimate reasons! The safety of our neighborhoods is first and foremost. There have already been many accidents within 2 miles of this area due to the increase in oil production which in turn, caused an increase in large Semis and Tanker Trailers traveling to and from locations. Their unsafe speeds and long hauling hours make for very favorable accident conditions. Also, these drivers are not normally from our town, or neighboring cities. They come from other cities, for 5-7 days at a time, then head home for 2-3 days off. They are not always of high character. They come to make large amounts of money due to the extreme amounts of overtime they can earn, then head back to El Paso, or Houston, or other border towns. I will never feel that my kids are safe with the ridiculous amount of strangers this will bring to our immediate area! This is very terrifying! The safety of our community, our children, and our families are all of utmost importance!!

These Disposal stations run 24hrs around the clock. The traffic from the haulers will increase the noise, light and dust near my family's residences when they travel in and out of the disposal facility, day in and day out. With this well being placed in close proximity to my property and family's residences, I am greatly concerned with the impacts to air quality this well will bring. The odor

from gases and hydrocarbons in the injected water and dust in the air would significantly affect our lives and health.

In addition, I am highly concerned about potential leaks and spills and runoff onto our properties. And many years down the road, underground casings will deteriorate and fail and leak. My property and my family's properties are located directly south and downhill from the proposed disposal site. As you know, produced water contains high levels of chlorides, hydrocarbons, and other contaminants that have the potential to runoff onto my property and affect my vegetation. Most of the families in this area supplement our diets with vegetables that we grow during spring and summer. This Brine Station will eventually contaminate the area, and we worry that our vegetables will also be contaminated. My father has farmed this area for over 50 years. He farms alfalfa and cotton and his harvests are his only form of income. His farms are directly South of this site. His livelihood could be jeopardized if any form of contamination occurs, as well as that of the neighboring farmers, and future generations to come.

Even though the area is mostly a farming community, I have many family members who live in close proximity to this well (About 6 families within ½ mile). We have lived here all our lives and enjoy the solitude that we have. If this application is approved, we will lose that solitude and peacefulness, due to noise, to trucks, to non-stop traffic, to nighttime lights, and to strangers.

I do support the Oil & Gas Industry and the amount of jobs it brings for our community. But I am certain that this Disposal can be relocated to a location that is away from a residential area. I am personally employed in the Oil Field industry. I manage a Water Transport Company. I am completely familiar with all the Disposals in the area and the noxious odor and all the other negative factors that accompany them. None of the other disposals have the close proximity to a very active residential/farming area. There is a vast amount of raw land in which it can be relocated to. I understand why High Roller Wells is trying to drill in this location...so that they can take advantage of the money to be made because it is closer than other disposals. Hauling companies will choose this Disposal over one that is located further out in order to save time and money. I do not blame High Roller Wells for taking advantage of the oil boom and trying to make money, but definitely not at the cost of the negative factors involved with its location

When you are reviewing the application for this Brine Disposal please take into account the many families that will be affected by this well. In my case, it will literally be within 200 feet of my back porch and within 200 feet of my 2 and 4 year old. Please imagine what that scenario entails. Imagine the large unsightly disposal, imagine the dust, imagine the gas odors, imagine the noise, imagine the nighttime lights, and lastly imagine the Semi/tanker traffic which WILL cause accidents. All negatives...

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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