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New Mexico Oil & Gas Conservation Division

Re: Rule 50 Amendment

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in response to the proposed changes to Rule 50 regarding pits on drilling sites in NM. I am the owner of an independent service company that provides services to area oil & gas producers in San Juan County. My company has been in business for 25 years in Farmington where I was born & raised. In my 25 years I have seen activity levels go up & down, and seen the affects it has had on the families of people who have lost their jobs due to a decrease in wells drilled in and around San Juan County. None worse than 1986. Due to a dramatic drop in the price of oil & gas 90 to 95% of the rigs operating in the U.S. stopped working and my company like most others laid off almost every single employee. No one was affected worse than the independently owned companies such as mine.

I currently employ 16 people of which 12 have families and if this rule is changed I estimate that at least ½ of these employees will lose their jobs in early 2008. I see this rule change having the most devastating affect on our industry since 1986.

All of the oil & gas producers in and around San Juan County have implemented EH&S programs and I have seen a big push in the last 5 years to be environmentally friendly i.e.: The Good Neighbor initiative, The Cupid Progam (a county wide cleanup effort using local oilfield companies manpower & equipment to go out and remove garbage & pollution from SJ county roads & land).

This is a politically driven tropic and the small businesses that this change would have the worst affect on needs to be considered.

**Sincerely
Basin Well Logging, Inc.**