

Dear Commissioners,

I am often assured by industry at meetings that what is in these pits is harmless.

But when I see the pits in the field and importantly, smell them, it is clear that there are chemicals, petroleum products, volatile organics and such in the pits. They are not benign.

We must be sure that all pits are thoroughly lined and that they are not buried onsite for later excavation in housing areas (I have seen this in the City of Farmington), or erosion (I have seen this on BLM lands in NW New Mexico.)

Sincerely,

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