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As a concerned citizen of San Juan County, I am very concerned about the new pit regulations. It will have an immediate effect on the oil and gas side of the 4 corners economy. As many oil and gas operators, independent and major have said they will decrease the drilling and exploration operations substantially and move to other more "gas and oil friendly states." The trickle down effect on the rest of the economy housing, retail etc...will be devastating. In essence this is like cutting the economic jugular vein of this area.

My question for you is, is this set of rules politically motivated or scientifically and economically motivated?

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