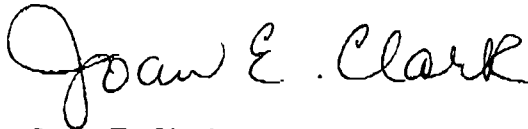


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I am a resident of the San Juan Basin, where New Mexico gets a lot of it's State's revenue from the oil and gas industry. I am opposed to the NMOCD new pit rule, presently at hearing in Santa Fe. Should this rule pass, thousands of jobs as well as, millions of dollars will be lost in our state each year.

Please think long and hard before approving this ruling, as our tax payers cannot afford an increase in this state to make up for the reserves lost because of this idiotic ruling placed into effect. Oil & gas industry will find more economical placed to drill, both in the lower 48 states and overseas if this rule is placed into effect.

Your consideration is much appreciated.



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