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Governor Bill Richardson
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Dear Governor Richardson:

I am asking you to put a halt to the new pit rules that are proposed for disposal of drilling fluids. These rules are unnecessary and potentially very harmful to the oil and gas industry in the Four Corners area, and therefore, will be very harmful to the entire economy in this region. These drilling fluids are natural or biodegradable. The oil and gas industry in New Mexico provides over 2.8 billion dollars to our state's treasury in taxes and royalties, which comes to 35% of our state's total budget.

The new pit rules threaten New Mexico's economy, but have little or no environmental merit. If legislators implement them, they will be pressured to raise income, property, and gross receipts taxes after many oil and gas companies will be compelled to move to different states or overseas. The NMOCDC was given authority to adopt reasonable rules and not put one of New Mexico's crucial industries out of business.

Please stop the proposed pit rules and come up with rules that are a lot more reasonable.

Sincerely,

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