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Governor Richardson:

I am writing this email to you to voice concerns over the Proposed Pit Rules and the effects that it will surely have on New Mexico's economy if passed as proposed. I too believe that we all have a personal responsibility of protecting our beautiful NM land and resources. The OCD needs to choose a path of dialogue and work in cooperation with the oil & gas industry to implement sound, cost-effective decisions based on scientific evidence rather than environmentalist movements. The larger oil & gas companies have stated they will move their drilling operations into other states. The smaller oil & gas companies will more than likely shut down. The service industry as a whole will be negatively impacted. This means less revenue for NM. Will OCD and the other environmentalist pushing these changes be there to help New Mexicans who lose their jobs, businesses, and homes because the oil and gas industry take their business and revenue elsewhere? As our governor, you should be the driving force to ensure that OCD and the oil & gas industry work together to reach an agreement which will meet the needs of both sides. When you were reelected 69 percent of the voters elected you. What percentage of these voters do you think work in the oil & gas industry? Citizens of NM elected you so that you could move our state forward. Implementation of these pit rules will only put NM at a disadvantage to the other surrounding states that are competing for oil and gas business. Take a stance and prevent these proposed Pit Rules from being ramrodded through the system without the opportunity for a compromise to be reached by all parties involved.