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Thursday, May 14, 2009

Secretary Lorene Davidson Oil & Gas Division 1220 S. St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, NM 87505

Re: Oil and Gas Pit Rule Regulations

Dear Ms. Davidson:

Please find enclosed the City of Lovington Resolution 051109-1. This Resolution was passed and adopted unanimously by the Lovington City Commission at its regular meeting of May 11, 2009.

This Resolution supports the oil and gas industry's position on the New Mexico pit rules. The City Commission generally believes that the rules, as presently configured, place our industry at a competitive disadvantage and do not positively affect the environment as was intended.

Please place this into the record for any upcoming pit rule sessions in which your department may have jurisdiction.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this Resolution. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Mike Leighton City Manager

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Enclosure: Resolution 051109-1

## CITY OF LOVINGTON RESOLUTION NO. 051109-1

## SUPPORT FOR GOVERNOR BILL RICHARDSON'S PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO RULE 19.15.17 (THE "PIT RULE")

WHEREAS, Governor Bill Richardson has proposed amendments to Rule 19.15.17, (the "Pit Rule"), and

WHEREAS, members of the oil and gas industry have expressed their concern to the City Commission that the Pit Rule is having an adverse economic effect on oil and gas operations in New Mexico, and

WHEREAS, the Lea County Economic Development Corporation has expressed its concern to the City Commission that the Pit Rule is having an adverse economic effect on oil and gas operations in New Mexico.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Commission of the City of Lovington, that the City Commission supports Governor Richardson's proposed amendments to Rule 19.15.17 (the "Pit Rule"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A", and

**BE, IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Commission supports the Application of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for Adoption of Amendments to Rule 19.15.17 (The "Pit Rule") Statewide, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

ADOPTED PASSED, AND APPROVED, this West day of May, 2009.

ATTEST:

Rhonda Jones-Clerk

DIXIF DRUMMOND Mayor