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RE: Case #14255; reg # 19.15.39.9-10 (New Special Provisions for Santa Fe County and the Galisteo Basin)

As residents of Galisteo, we are very grateful that the Oil Conservation Division is acting to protect this unique environmental and archaeological area. Water is of course a major concern, and we particularly appreciate the well monitoring, the prohibition of open pits, and the measures to isolate aquifers in case of accidents in vertical wells.

Therefore, we hope that the following improvements can also be made before the regulation is considered on Dec. 11th.

1) For some reason, streams and wetlands are not mentioned on the maps. Since prehistoric times, the Galisteo Basin has been even more arid than surrounding areas. Any threat to our minimal streams and wetlands must be taken very seriously.

2) Given the open landscape and the interdependence of water sources, we would encourage you to expand the boundaries of public notice of proposed drilling (now ½ mile) to at least one mile.

Thank you for your consideration.

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