

From: [Dan McCown](#)
To: [Rules Coordinator](#); [Christi Craddick](#); [Wynn B. Baker](#); [Wayne Christian](#); [Jeremy Hagen](#); [Jim Wright](#); [Christopher Hotchkiss](#)
Subject: Proposed Statewide Rule 8 Public Comment
Date: Sunday, September 22, 2024 8:43:01 AM

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Do NOT click links or open attachments from unknown sources without first confirming the message is legitimate. If you believe this to be a malicious and/or phishing email, please contact the ITS Help Desk at 512-463-7229. Do not respond to or forward the email, click on any links or open any attachments without guidance from the Help Desk

09/22/2024

The Railroad Commission of Texas

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing regarding oil and gas waste management practices in Texas. I have personal experience with so much waste in my home county of Martin, and see this becoming a growing concern in my own figurative backyard. I urge you to create regulations that protect our water, air and land. The Railroad Commission's proposed new rules released on August 15th do not limit how close a reserve pit can be to groundwater, and there is no groundwater monitoring required.

This leaves our water exposed to contamination from all the toxic chemicals in oil and gas waste.

Other states, such as North Dakota, have enacted reasonable reserve pit requirements – why can't Texas do the same?

Most landowners only own surface rights, and do not own the minerals under the land, which is not their fault. Surface owners should be notified before a reserve pit is dug on their land. This way, landowners can know what is going to happen on their land and be allowed to make informed decisions.

Please adopt better regulations for reserve pits to ensure that our water and our soil is protected from pollution.

Thank you,

Dan McCown

507 W 6th St

Stanton, Texas 79782

westtexan@gmail.com