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Commissioner Christi Craddick  
Railroad Commission of Texas

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Honorable Craddick;

Socorro Exploration, Inc. (Socorro) is a small oil and gas operator located in Lubbock. Socorro has operated in the Northern Rim of the Permian Basin since 1985. Socorro has drilled approximately 80 wells during this period and has purchased and sold many other wells. Essentially all of these wells were drilled through or produced in the area of the great Ogallala aquifer.

Socorro has NEVER had any issues with the RRC or more important the private surface owners in the area in which it operates. These wells are stripper wells which have a very long economic life that benefits many parties. The costs of developing vertical stripper wells is critical to Socorro's decision to further drill these wells.

The RRC Rule 8 Proposal on Authorized Pits would greatly reduce Socorro future decision to drill this type of vertical wells by increasing its costs. I don't understand the need if Socorro has never had an issue in this area with utilizing existing practices. I have lived in Lubbock all my adult life and have total appreciation for importance of this aquifer.

Respectfully submitted;



G. Barney Adams, President

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