

Dear Commissioners:

It is our individual and collective duty to protect our precious earth.

I have overwhelming concerns and significant fears as a landowner and grandmother about whether my grandchildren and their children will be able to drink our water, breath our air, play outside, in the dirt or swim in the lakes without developing cancer, skin diseases, and other health issues.

I come from many generations of people who relied and still rely on the land and water for flourishing of their cattle and crops. There are many countries and millions of people who don't have clean water and healthy land to help make their lives better. These people are begging for help. They are not blessed to have been born in the wealthiest, most free country in the world. We must not go backward with our environment.

With the newly proposed Rule 8 changes, we are moving backwards. I am neither an engineer, scientist, nor business owner, but I am a landowner, and I do understand contamination. I do believe that with the proper regulations in place for oil and gas waste pits, we will help protect our water and environment.

I am asking that the Railroad Commission revisit the recent changes made regarding pits. Please include better water and land protections.

Thank you in advance for your reviews and consideration for the sake of my grandchildren and their children.

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