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The Railroad Commission of Texas

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing regarding oil and gas waste management practices in Texas. 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.

Additionally, while Oil and gas companies deny their impact on private well water quality (taste/smell/feel) or to the aquifer, I can attest that after cross drilling on my parents property, the quality of the well water decreased drastically, with a sudden sulfur smell, poor taste and felt sticky.

,There is no reason Texas should suffer at the hands of oil and gas companies or by an agency that is supposed to protect Texans.

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

Thank you,

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