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The Railroad Commission of Texas

To Whom it May Concern:

Please help protect our groundwater, land, and air by creating regulations that require oil and gas waste management in our state. 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 – Texas can step up and do the same to protect its citizens and its ground, air, and water.

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

Please adopt better and safer regulations for reserve pits to ensure that our water and land are protected from pollution.

Thank you,

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