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Dear Rules Coordinator and Commissioners,

We operate about nine thousand acres north of Albany, Texas and we are surface and mineral interest owners. Our place has had hundreds of oil wells drilled on it going back more than 100 years. We are not aware of any problems developing from unlined pits on us.

Our neighbor, Lance Thomas brought awareness of the proposed Rule 8 changes. To quote Lance, "In short, the existing Rule 8 pit rules work very well on our property. The proposed pit rules will significantly devalue our mineral and working interests by <u>unnecessarily doubling the cost of shallow vertical well operations</u>. This will tragically lead to a loss of income, jobs and natural resources needed by the State of Texas and our country."

I could go into more detail but I believe that Lance Thomas and others have well stated our concerns about the proposed Rule 8 changes. Please take these reasonable thoughts into consideration when deliberating on proposed changes.

Thank you for your time and your service to this blessed State of Texas. May you have much wisdom in your decision making!

Sincerely, Rodney L. Casey

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