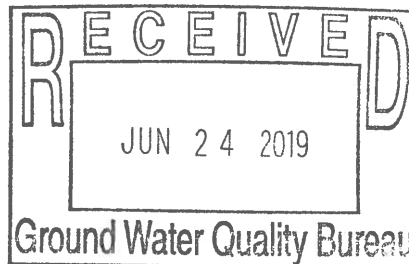


Mr. Jason Herman  
New Mexico Environment Department  
Ground Water Quality Bureau  
1190 South St. Francis Drive Ste N4050  
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Dear Mr. Herman:

The purpose of this letter is to express our concern about the use of an open septic pit that is currently being used by Mr. Steve Rael of S&R Septic. It is our understanding that he continues to dump at this pit even without a current permit. He is the only septic hauler in the area who continues to use this outdated and potentially hazardous method. The other septic haulers dump their waste at our county's waste treatment facility. It is imperative in our view that he use the waste management facility as it is the ethically and environmentally sound thing to do. We are asking for your assistance as the area surrounding Mr. Rael's septic pit continues to expand with private homes.

It is also no longer acceptable to continue the practice of re-issuing his permit when there is no oversight. He has been fined in the past for irresponsible dumping in The Rio Grande. How can your agency support a business that is damaging the very environment that your office is supposed to protect.

We are respectfully requesting a public hearing on this matter.

Sincerely,

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is "Doug Daubert" and the second is "Rhonda Vanderhoff".

Douglas Daubert  
Rhonda Vanderhoff