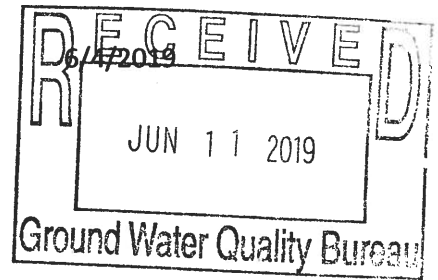


N.M. Environmental Department
Ground Water Quality Bureau
Jason Herman, NMED Permit Contact
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Dear Mr. Herman,

I am writing in reference to an ongoing debacle to deny the extension for a permit for S&R Septic's to continue using an open pit disposal lagoon in my locality. I am also requesting that further use of this lagoon be terminated and that it be effectively remediated and covered. I also am requesting that there be a public hearing regarding this issue. (NMED Discharge Permit # 465)

It is appalling to me that there is even consideration to extend this permit given the environmental concerns. This pit poses a threat for entry of polluting contaminants to our local ground waters/aquifer and air. Just as water eventually perks down into the ground water/aquifer, the waste being dumped at this site can as well. The threat is due to the large volume of waste being dumped since 1987. The pit is exposed to open air where pollutants can become airborne. The pit is not encapsulated, and historically, S&R has frequently not been in compliance to the basic protocol terms and remediation's imposed. Adding to the disregard to the Ground Water Quality Bureau and N.M. Environmental Department (NMED) terms, S&R has shown disregard to the environment and the people here. They have been reported to have dumped in the past into the Rio Grande River as well as dumping restaurant grease into the lagoon discussed. S&R has a viable option to dump waste at The Taos Valley Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility as all the other waste haulers do. There the waste can be effectively processed without threat to the public.

My dismay is that our governing agents have allowed this to go on for so long and are considering the extension despite the above information and more. While there may be an expressed shortage in personal power to monitor, there is no reason not to regulate, enforce, penalize and/or terminate when all of the information is evident. The overseeing state agencies have a responsibility to provide in the interest of public good and safety.

Again, I do request a public hearing on this issue based upon the preceding information. I also ask, how would you feel if this lagoon was in in your locality?

Sincerely,

Dion Smith

Herman, Jason, NMENV

From: Dion Smith <dimundo53@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 17, 2019 11:06 AM
To: Herman, Jason, NMENV
Subject: [EXT] Re: Stagecoach Hills /S&R Waste

Hi Jason

I recently sent you a letter regarding the S&R open pit dumping and must have not given you my return address. John suggested I get it to you.

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Regards
Dion