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SENATE BILL 516

49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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AN ACT

RELATING TO HYDROCARBON DEVELOPMENT; RESTRICTING THE AREA THAT
CAN BE ENCLOSED AROUND OIL AND GAS DRILL AND WELL SITES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the Oil and Gas Act is
enacted to read:

"~~[NEW MATERIAL]~~ PERIMETER FENCING.--

A. An owner or producer, or an agent or employee of
either, shall not erect fencing around the perimeter of a drill
or well site that encompasses more area than is necessary to
secure the drill or well site safely from unauthorized access
and shall obtain the approval of the surface owner of the area
to be fenced prior to erecting a perimeter fence unless the
fence is erected pursuant to a rule of the oil conservation
division of the energy, minerals and natural resources

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2 B. A rule promulgated pursuant to this section
3 shall restrict perimeter fencing to the minimum area necessary
4 to secure the drill or well site safely.

5 C. For the purposes of this section, "drill or well
6 site" means the surface area used during the drilling or
7 reworking of an oil or gas well or any associated operations
8 and includes the area of land in which oil and gas derricks,
9 equipment, buildings, structures, improvements, wells,
10 excavations, dumps, waste piles, ponds and other features
11 normally used in oil and gas operations are located."