

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Special Meeting
March 11, 2025
Meeting Minutes

The Oil Conservation Commission meeting was a hybrid meeting with both in person and virtual participation options. The meeting was held in the Pecos Hall Hearing Room at the Wendell Chino Building, First Floor, 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gerasimos Razatos	Acting Chair, Oil Conservation Division
William Ampomah	Designee, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
Greg Bloom	Designee, New Mexico State Land Office Commissioner

OTHERS PRESENT:

Felicia Orth	Hearing Examiner
Zachary Shandler	Commission Counsel
Sheila Apodaca	Commission Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Acting Chair Razatos at 9:00 a.m.

Item 1. Roll Call.

Action: Roll was taken; a quorum was present.

Item 2. Approval of the Agenda.

Action: Commissioner Bloom moved to approve the Agenda. Commissioner Ampomah seconded the motion. Roll call was taken and the motion was unanimously approved.

Item 3. Pending cases:

Case No. 23580: Application of WildEarth Guardians to Amend the Commission's Rules to Address PFAS, Amendments to: 19.15.2, 19.15.7, 19.15.14, 19.15.16, and 19.15.25 NMAC.

Commission agreed to work through each proposed rule in order, reviewing all sets of proposed rules, using the OCD exhibit which compares all three proposals.

The Commission deliberated on each proposed rule amendment and reached agreement on the proposed amendments as follows:

Rule 19.15.2.7.C.4 NMAC. Unanimous agreement to adopt OCD proposal.

Rule 19.15.2.7.C.5 NMAC. 2-1 vote to accept OCD's proposal to remove chemical disclosure definition. Commissioners Razatos and Ampomah in favor of accepting OCD's proposal. Commissioner Bloom against, and in favor of proposal submitted by Wildearth Guardians.

19.15.2.7.P.3. 2-1 vote to accept Wildearth Guardians' proposal. Commissioners Bloom and Ampomah in favor of accepting Wildearth Guardians' proposal. Commissioner Razatos opposed and in favor of OCD's proposal.

19.15.2.7.T.7. Commissioner Razatos moved to strike due to redundancy. Commissioner Ampomah approved. Commissioner Bloom opposed. Stricken by 2-1 vote.

19.15.2.7.U.3. 2-1 vote to accept OCD's proposal to strike completely. Commissioners Razatos and Ampomah voted in favor of accepting OCD's proposal. Commissioner Bloom opposed.

19.15.7.16.A. Unanimous vote to accept OCD's proposal.

19.15.7.16.B Unanimous vote to accept WEG's proposal with additional language agreed to by all parties.

19.15.7.16.C. Unanimous vote to accept Wildearth Guardians' proposal. Commissioners Razatos and Ampomah agree to use the word "may" instead of "shall." Commissioner Bloom, in the minority, opposed using "may," preferring "shall." Unanimous vote to accept 90 days.

19.15.7.16.D. Unanimous vote to accept proposed rule as agreed upon by all three parties.

19.15.7.16.E. Unanimous vote to accept OCD's proposal.

19.15.14.9.C. Unanimous vote to accept OCD's proposal.

19.15.14.10.A. Unanimous vote to accept OCD's proposal.

19.15.16.17.A. Unanimous vote to accept OCD's proposal.

19.15.16.17.A.1. All three parties agreed on language. Unanimous vote to accept the agreed upon language.

19.15.16.17.A.2. Unanimous vote to accept OCD's proposal. Replace the word "inappropriate" with "appropriate."

19.15.16.17.A.3. Unanimous vote to accept OCD's proposal.

19.15.16.17.A.4. Unanimous vote to strike this subsection.

19.15.16.17.B. Unanimous vote to accept Wildearth Guardians' proposal.

19.15.16.19.B Unanimous vote to accept OCD's proposal.

19.15.16.19.D. Unanimous vote to partially accept new language proposed by Wildearth Guardians. In first sentence, change "chemical disclosure list" to "FracFocus Disclosure." Will accept D(1), D(2), D(3), D(4) but remove the word "exterior," D(5), D(6) and D(7).

19.15.16.19.E Unanimous vote to accept new language proposed by Wildearth Guardians, but change to "The FracFocus Disclosure must be disclosed to above parties within thirty days of being filed with FracFocus."


19.15.16.19.F. Unanimous vote to strike the new language proposed by Wildearth Guardians.

19.15.25.14.A. Unanimous vote to remove the words "for casing investigations," as proposed by Wildearth Guardians. The language "casing repairs and" is unanimously approved.

Commissioner Ampomah moved for the approval of the adoption of the proposed rules as itemized today. Commission Chair Razatos seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Commission counsel will draft a final version of the rules and statement of reasons. The Commission will reconvene at a future regular meeting for the approval of a final order, statement or reasons and rule amendments

1:45 p.m. Meeting was adjourned.



Gerasimos Razatos
Acting Chair