

## Valentine, Velvet, EMNRD

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**From:** Davidson, Florene, EMNRD  
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**Subject:** [EXT] Written Comment for Oil and Gas Commission Re: Methane Rules

Florene,

Happy new year. Below are my written comments for the oil and gas commission regarding the hearing on the methane rule. Thank you for providing these to the commission.

### Oil Conservation Commission

Florene Davidson, Clerk  
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Dear Members of the Oil Conservation Commission,

As the Mayor of Farmington, a community whose rich heritage has been enhanced by the oil and gas industry and the economic base and service sector jobs that it creates, I write to express my strong support for a methane rule that will position New Mexico as a leader in the fight against climate change while preserving the long-term success of the state's oil and gas industry. The State of New Mexico can and should work to achieve a balance between mitigating risks associated with climate change and ensuring the continued strength of oil and gas as the state's largest and most successful private industry. For example, the 98% gas capture requirement is ambitious and challenging, preserves the desire to implement a nationally leading rule, and can be achieved if the appropriate flexibilities are provided. The final rules must preserve this balance between bold, meaningful steps forward on climate change and smart, flexible regulations that ensure the oil and gas industry will continue to thrive in New Mexico.

Oil and natural gas production is the foundation of New Mexico's economy, and it is important that the state's proposed methane rules allow our industry to grow, create jobs, attract investment, and provide critical funds for our state budget and public schools. Oil and natural gas is responsible for more than 134,000 New Mexico jobs and \$17 billion in economic activity. In 2020, oil and gas provided \$2.8 billion to the state budget, including \$1.4 billion for public and higher education. New Mexico can be a leader in the fight against climate change and the production of oil and gas.

Economic diversification is on the top of everyone's list to help propel this state forward. Oil and Gas revenues, jobs, workers and their families provide economic stability while we are trying to attract new and expand

current industries throughout our state. Through the leadership of this Commission, New Mexico can show the rest of the nation how to reduce emissions in the oil and gas industry and promote problem-solving and creativity to ensure the industry continues to serve as the backbone of our state's economy.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nate Duckett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Nate Duckett  
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Respectfully,

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