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Right now, oil and gas corporations can drill dozens or even hundreds of wells in New Mexico while posting a total of just \$250,000 in clean-up bonds. That doesn't come close to the actual cost of cleanup, which the Legislative Finance Committee determined averages \$163,000 per well, with some wells costing over \$700,000.

These abandoned wells don't just create financial risk for New Mexicans; they're dangerous. Methane and toxins leak into the air and our groundwater, harming wildlife and public health, especially in rural and Tribal communities.

These rule updates ensure that the corporations profiting from New Mexico's land are also fully responsible for plugging their wells. If bonding isn't set high enough now, during the boom, there's often not enough money left to cover cleanup after the bust, shifting the cost to the public.

Please adopt stronger bonding rules. Let's protect our air, water, and wallets and make sure no one gets to profit while leaving the rest of us with the mess.

New Mexicans overwhelmingly support reform. In fact, **89% want corporations—not taxpayers—to pay for cleanup.**

Thank you for considering our comments

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Attention: Sheila Apodaca, Commission Clerk

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The Oil Conservation Commission(OCC) will begin hearings to modernize outdated bonding and clean-up rules for oil and gas operations on October 20 -November 7, 2025. I am writing in support of the rule making to modernize New Mexico's bonding and clean-up rules. Presently oil and gas corporations can drill dozens or even hundreds of wells in New Mexico while posting just \$250,000 in clean-up bonds Yet the Legislative Finance Committee determined averages of \$163,000 per well, with some costing over \$700,000.

These abandoned wells don't just create financial risk for New Mexicans; they're dangerous. Methane and toxins leak into the air and our groundwater, harming wildlife and public health, especially in rural and Tribal communities. Individuals living in these areas pay the price in reduced life expectancy and illness.

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I have had enough experience with oil & gas corporations pushing politicians and citizens around with their veiled threats and abundant financial reserves when I was fighting to save my great grandmother's home from fracking. The bullying of locals by representatives of these companies was uncalled for. Don't let them bully New Mexico with their promises.

Please tell the OCC to adopt stronger bonding rules. Let's protect our air, water, and wallets and make sure no one gets to profit while leaving the rest of us with the mess.

Thank you,
Diane MacInnes