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Hello,

I am prepared to make zoom public comment Friday at 9 a.m., please confirm the slot is open at that time.

Please also accept this as a written comment from myself, Charles Goodmacher, Policy Advisor for Healthy Climate New Mexico.

The greatest threat to the health of New Mexicans is the continued failure of state leaders to keep the oil and gas industry to it's wonderful-sounding promises of being "clean." If the industry, which is making record profits, will not be responsible for the messes they create and the harms they cause our people through their pollution, then It's time the people of New Mexico make them do so, and to restore nature. Urgent, state-wide changes must be made including the proposed new rules, which will lead to a fairer and healthier New Mexico.

Please adopt the proposed Rule.

The Legislative Finance Committee found plugging to cost an average of \$163,000 per well, and some cost over \$700,000. Because of outdated bonding rules, the public is left paying to plug wells to prevent them from releasing toxins into the air and water.

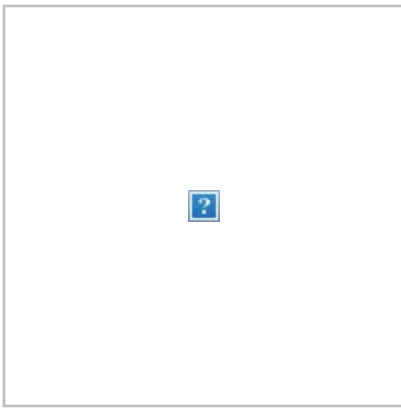
The existing Reclamation Fund is there for emergencies, not for corporations to rely on as a backup plan when they walk away. If we don't fix the bonding system now, the problem only gets bigger. And more expensive.

In the last five years, over \$100 million in public funds—state and federal—has been spent to clean up abandoned wells. We still face up to \$1.6 billion in future cleanup costs. These abandoned wells don't just create financial risk, they're dangerous. The methane and toxins leak into the air and our groundwater, harming wildlife and public health, especially in rural and Tribal communities and for employees who work for the industries.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Goodmacher, Policy Advisor, Healthy Climate New Mexico

Thank you!



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To: Sheila Apodaca, Commission Clerk
Attn: New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission

Abandoned wells have the potential to leak toxins into soils, drinking water and the air, and can sicken and kill wildlife. State data show a minimum of 600 abandoned oil and gas wells, with 4,400 being expected to require work in the near future. People's health, water, land, and livelihoods are at stake and ought to be protected. Common sense suggests that stronger rules, requiring sufficient bonds for cleanup costs will provide relief and hinder harm. These rules ought to be fair for everyone, compelling companies that gain or gained profits from these wells to be held responsible for the cleanup costs. The future of soils, water, air ought to be protected for now and future generations by requiring responsible realistic commitments.

Thank you,

Eva Maria Ræpple

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Dear Shiela Apodaca,

I have lived in Ranchos de Taos for over 35 years. I am quite worried about the legacy waste from the oil companies in New Mexico.

Citizens and the natural wildlife already have limited resources for survival due to the ongoing drought and wildfires in NM due to climate change.

There are around 700 legacy wells in NM and all the wells need to be cleaned up now for the safety and quality of life of all biodiversity and the future of the children in NM which is already rated the worst for children nationally.

We must make sure the legacy waste does not enter the water table. Look at the Rio Grande and all the rivers low flow due to the drought. We must preserve what we have for the health of all!

We must invest in more renewables which do not affect the water resources in NM.

Please respect our precious natural resources and future generations of New Mexicans.

Sincerely,
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Sent from my iPad

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Please revise regulations so that the fossil fuel industry pays for ALL cleanup and damages from their production.

Thank you,

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I urge the Commission to rule in favor of the Applicants to ensure that oil and gas operators pay the full cost of their operations, including the remediation of retired wells (plugging, etc.).--

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If we let companies drill here in N.M., then the companies need to pay for all clean up for the wells afterwards. Bonds need to be put up for each well with money ahead of time. We all know how Exxon lied about the damage to our climate to get money out of all oil wells. I have asthma. I need clean air to breathe. These put out contaminated that lower the air quality. I feel the pollution in my lungs going up to ABQ to hike on polluted days. These rules enforce compliance to protect our health.
Sincerely, Pat Duncan

Sent from Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

From: [Wisdom Wave](#)
To: [Apodaca, Sheila, EMNRD](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] PUBLIC COMMENT Upgrade contracts with Oil and gas
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Please create better responsible agreements and rules requiring the oil and gas companies pay to plug their own wells AND clean up their produced water .

NM vital natural resources are not to be used for private profit at the expense of the public!

Even other states have better agreements than does New Mexico.

Patricia Brown phd

Sent from my iPhone

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Hi,

The proposed revisions to the required bonds for oil and gas companies prior to drilling wells in NM should be enacted. The bond should be at a minimum an amount sufficient to cover the average cost of well capping and cleanup, plus it should be charged per well not per company.

Thank you
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My name is Susan Gorman, 2222 Uptown Loop NE Apt 5207. My partner and I are long time New Mexico residents. We moved here from Los Angeles, thinking we would find clean air and pristine wildlands for camping and hiking. Now, we're not so sure.

It's impossible to comprehend that oil and gas companies take the wealth from New Mexico and then run away leaving the taxpayers to clean up their mess. If taxpayers don't clean up this polluting mess, we suffer from impacts to everyone's health due to polluted air, land and water. This is unconscionable! It's essential to require a sufficient bond. That is why I am speaking today.

From: [Teresa Seamster](#)
To: [Sheila Apodaca](#); [Hearings, OCC, EMNRD](#)
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Hello Sheila,

Please accept these written comments on behalf of the Counselor Chapter Health Impact Assessment Committee in support of the proposed rule changes to oil and gas bonding and clean up requirements.

If delivered in person, the comments run about 3 minutes as long as the commissioners have the written version with the well proximity map and ATSDR toxins list to refer to.

I can appear and give oral testimony next week and provide copies for the commissioners if you cannot accept these comments as presented.

Thank you,

Teresa

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