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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Case No. 24683 - WELC Rulemaking Public Comment
Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 6:42:42 AM

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Sincerely,

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Dear Oil Conservation Commissioners,

I'm writing to share feedback on the proposed bonding rule and the ongoing conversation around orphaned well cleanup.

The Reclamation Fund—paid for by industry—is the only dedicated state source for plugging wells. It was created for this purpose, yet the State continues to redirect those funds to the general budget. That's not just a misuse of taxpayer dollars—it's a failure of oversight.

There is no shortage of funding. What's missing is action. Operators who follow the rules shouldn't be penalized by blanket mandates that make it harder to do business in New Mexico. Instead, we should demand that tax dollars be utilized for their intended purpose.

We can protect our environment and support responsible development—but only if we focus on practical solutions and responsible governance.

Sincerely,

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I'm concerned that the proposed WELC rule may unintentionally increase the number of orphaned wells in New Mexico. If the cost of operating or transferring wells becomes too high, companies may walk away leaving behind wells that could have been responsibly managed or plugged. We saw this happen with Colorado's recent overreaching rules.

We all want to protect our land and water, but blanket mandates that don't account for the realities of field operations could do more harm than good. Let's work together to create rules that encourage responsible stewardship, not abandonment.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 9:32:37 AM

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Dear Sheila Apodaca, Clerk,

I write to ask that the proposed Rulemaking go forward in order to assure that bonds be provided to assure that oil and gas wells are cleaned up. It is important to preserve the beautiful landscapes of New Mexico.

We are taught as children to clean up our toys, any messes that we make. And so that is what's needed here. It is a balancing, to be sure, of the income from oil and gas that funds schools and keeping their costs down as against the harm to the environment. Surely there is a middle ground that we can meet.

Ella Joan Fenoglio, Sierra Club member, lawyer, member of La Mesa Presbyterian Church

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Dear Commission Clerk Sheila Apodaca,

In Case No. 24683, the state has an opportunity to solve the growing problem of oil and gas infrastructure that needs to be closed and cleaned up as wells and facilities age and complete operations.

Cleanup is important for public health and safety and is an opportunity for a source of good-paying jobs in the southeast and northwest parts of the state. Oftentimes, hardworking, New Mexican families are left on the hook to cover the cleanup costs of abandoned or orphaned wells. We need to change current laws and rules with incentives to close and clean up low- or nonproducing wells and prevent toxic chemicals like methane and benzene from seeping into groundwater and polluting the air. Currently the oil and gas industry's "insurance coverage" for cleanup doesn't include enough funding to address the actual costs.

As a caregiver concerned about toxic pollution, I'm calling on you to update how much "insurance coverage" the oil and gas industry must take out before drilling. This will create new jobs and protect New Mexicans' health, air, land, and water.

Specifically, we need to update

1. financial assurance laws to require bonds that fully cover the costs of cleanup and well-plugging for each well.
2. cleanup laws and how wells are categorized to clarify who is responsible for plugging and cleanup when wells stop producing.
3. oversight of ownership transfers that will ensure companies have the financial resources to properly clean up and plug well sites.

Recent polling shows that an overwhelming 90% of New Mexicans support requiring oil and gas companies, rather than taxpayers, to pay for all the cleanup and land restoration costs after drilling is finished. Please modernize our woefully outdated laws.

Sincerely,
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From: [Dale Stahlecker](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] I support bonding and cleanup reform
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Ms. Apodaca, Commission Clerk,

My name is Dale Stahlecker, and I am a semi-retired Wildlife Biologist residing in Eldorado at Santa Fe, New Mexico. I am here to speak in support of the proposed bonding and cleanup rule changes before this commission.

Over the last 3 or 4 decades I have spent time in all the “oil-patches” of New Mexico, from Northwest to Southeast. I have seen what a correctly reclaimed well-pad looks like, and I have seen some that no effort has been made to reclaim them. I will repeat what you have heard and will continue to hear over and over again – uncapped wells degrade our water, our air, and expose wildlife and humans to unhealthy conditions.

Bonding for an individual well should be such that if the state is tasked with reclamation because the last owner is incapable of paying for it, that total costs are likely to be covered by the bond. Since the current co/st to the state is ~\$165,000, it makes sense that each well be bonded for close (\$150,000) to that amount, and certainly it is NOT to follow that 10 wells can be covered by a \$150,000 bond, or that 100 wells be covered by only a \$250,000 bond! We the taxpayers of New Mexico do not exist to cover those costs with tax dollars sorely needed elsewhere, especially since the majority of well owners that avoid paying for reclamation are not New Mexico residents. If the industry drills a well, reaps profit from that well, then they must be responsible for well capping and clean-up. No exceptions. 95% capping and cleanup is NOT sufficient, I expect 100% of wells to be properly capped and the site rehabilitated to provide a safe environment for New Mexico's citizenry, plants, and wildlife.

Thank you for recording my comments.

Dale W. Stahlecker

From: [Catherine Ralston](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] If they drill it, they clean it.
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Please, it's obvious. Since humans have not evolved to ingest oil and gas in any way, our bodies break down when we inadvertently do so. I don't want to find my immune system challenged in any way so a dividend can be paid to someone not even living in New Mexico. What petroleum waste will likely cost me in health care, far outweighs the dollar benefit a stockholder accrues.

You are my guardians. Please fulfill your purpose. Be honorable and sensible. What about your health? The health of your loved ones?

A voter,

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MY NAME IS GENE HARRBAUGH. I AM A RESIDENT OF EDDY COUNTY, NM. I WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER MY TESTIMONY REGARDING THE HEARING ON CASE 24863. PLEASE ADVISE REGARDING THE TIME FOR THIS.

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Oil and gas should clean up their sites so that pollutants don't contaminate the soil and water.

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Attn: Ms. Sheila Apodaca

Dear Oil Conservation Commissioners,

As both a legislator and New Mexican, I care deeply about both protecting my constituents and the environment. Marginal and orphaned wells are a threat to both.

Abandoned and orphaned wells leak toxic chemicals like benzene and hydrogen sulfide into our air and water and pose a threat to everyone living in close proximity. These wells also have the potential to emit methane, a potent greenhouse gas, into our atmosphere, making it harder to achieve the climate goals we are working towards. The problem isn't small. There are already 700 identified orphaned wells scattered across the landscape, with thousands more waiting in the wings. The risks these wells pose will only grow greater if we wait to tackle it.

The oil and gas industry would like you to believe that they and New Mexico's Reclamation Fund are already prepared to clean up these wells. The data clearly shows this not to be true. The Rec Fund, even with all the federal money we have been granted, holds just \$66 million. According to a report by the Legislative Finance Committee, the total cost to plug and clean up all the wells in New Mexico ranges from \$700 million to \$1.6 billion, dwarfing our existing resources. We desperately need to right size bonds to protect our health, our environment, and our pocketbooks.

The bonding reform petition in front of you is the right tool, and the Oil Conservation Commission is the right venue to solve this problem. This commission is endowed with the authority to regulate these matters, and I urge you to adopt this petition to protect New Mexico and all her residents.

Sincerely and Thank You,

Liz Stefanics, NM State Senate District 39

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The rules need to change so companies clean up after they leave. This is a company expense. This is not my responsibility as a tax payer.

CHANGE THE RULES

Dawn Leach

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The drilling companies must pay for cleanup of their wells.

Best done by posting a bond when they get permission to drill — then the state has the money to clean their mess if they leave one.

- Jim Ludden, Taos

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Antoinette Sedillo Lopez
New Mexico State Senator, District 16
Public Comment to New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
Case No. 24683

Chair and Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed updates to New Mexico's oil and gas bonding and cleanup requirements. As a state senator who is deeply committed to protecting our state's beautiful but fragile environment, I believe we have both a moral and constitutional obligation to ensure that every New Mexican has access to clean air, clean water, and healthy land.

The issue before us is simple: when oil and gas companies drill wells, they must also bear full responsibility for cleaning them up. Right now, that's not what's happening. New Mexico faces \$700 million to \$1.6 billion in potential well cleanup liabilities. The current bonding system – capped at \$250,000 per operator, regardless of how many wells they own – leaves a vast financial gap. With an average plugging cost of \$163,000 per well, and some running more than \$700,000, this outdated cap virtually guarantees that the public will be left to pick up the tab when companies walk away.

In fact, over the past five years alone, more than \$100 million in public funds have already been used to plug and restore orphaned wells. That's money that should be supporting education, water infrastructure, and community resilience, not cleaning up corporate neglect.

Beyond the dollars, this is about protecting our most essential resource: water. Hydraulic fracturing and aging wells threaten aquifers with toxic leaks and chemical runoff. Abandoned wells emit methane and volatile compounds that harm both people and wildlife. These problems are especially acute near Tribal and rural communities, but the risks are felt statewide.

As federal oversight of oil and gas operations weakens, New Mexico has the responsibility and the opportunity to lead. Updating bonding and cleanup rules is a practical and necessary step toward ensuring industry accountability. It's also in keeping with our values as New Mexicans – we all have a shared right to a healthy environment and a shared duty to safeguard it.

I urge the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission to adopt stronger, fair, and forward-looking rules.



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Re: Legislative Authority and Policy Considerations in Pending Rulemaking (Case No. 24683)

Dear Chairman Chang, Commissioner Bloom, and Commissioner Ampomah:

As a member of the New Mexico Legislature, I appreciate the Oil Conservation Commission's ("Commission") important work to ensure the responsible development of New Mexico's oil and gas resources. I believe I have a responsibility to safeguard the Legislature's constitutional role in establishing the policies that guide such regulation. And as such, I write to express concern that certain proposals in the pending rulemaking (Case No. 24683) would exceed the authority that the Legislature has delegated to the Commission and the Oil Conservation Division ("Division") under the New Mexico Oil and Gas Act, NMSA 1978, §§ 70-2-1 et seq.

Specifically, the Oil and Gas Act (the "Act") gives the Commission the power to administer and enforce the Act's provisions, not to redefine or expand them. Sections 70-2-6, -11, and -12 authorize the Commission to make rules "necessary to carry out the purposes of the Act," but that authority does not extend to creating new substantive rights or obligations that the Legislature has not enacted. Importantly, courts have consistently held that an agency may not adopt rules that alter the balance or limits established by statute. See *Marbob Energy Corp. v. N.M. Oil Conservation Comm'n*, 2009-NMSC-013; *Morningstar Water Users Ass'n v. N.M. PUC*, 1995-NMSC-062.

Several of the proposed amendments now before the Commission would do precisely that. They include:

1. **New financial-assurance categories** - such as the creation of "marginal well" bonding—that would effectively circumvent the Legislature's clear \$250,000 cap on blanket financial assurance under § 70-2-14(A);
2. **Expanded regulation of acquisitions and ownership transfers** - under proposed

3. 19.15.8.9(A) NMAC, which would extend the Division's reach beyond operations into private property transactions; and
4. **New definitional and enforcement presumptions** - that would re-write the Legislature's statutory structure for well status, abandonment, and beneficial use.

These proposals represent significant policy changes that the Legislature has not authorized and that should be debated and enacted through the legislative process. The Legislature has historically adjusted the financial-assurance framework itself—most recently in 2015 and 2018—and has not granted the Commission authority to create new categories or alter statutory limits through rulemaking.

Beyond the legal issues, the policy implications are substantial. The proposed changes could have major economic and operational effects on New Mexico's producing wells—particularly small and marginal wells that contribute to state revenues, rural employment, and energy stability. Such broad policy choices warrant full legislative deliberation, fiscal analysis, and public debate.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Commission to defer action on the portions of the proposed rule that exceed existing statutory authority and to allow the Legislature to consider whether additional changes to the Act are warranted. Doing so would ensure that any new policy direction is implemented through the constitutionally prescribed process and would maintain the clear separation between legislative policy-making and administrative execution.

I appreciate your service to the State of New.

Respectfully,



Meredith A. Dixon
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