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Dear Oil Conservation Commissioners,

As someone who works in the oil and gas sector, I urge you to consider the long-term consequences of the proposed WELC rule. While I support efforts to remediate our lands and protect our environment, the current proposal risks punishing responsible operators who are already working hard to do the right thing.

We need regulations that are smart and fair—not one-size-fits-all mandates that jeopardize jobs and discourage investment. Let's ensure that New Mexico remains a place where energy development and environmental protection go hand in hand.

Thank you for your leadership and for listening to those of us on the ground.

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

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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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Dear Oil Conservation Commissioners,

As a New Mexican who cares deeply about our environment and economy, I urge you to direct the Oil Conservation Division to utilize the Reclamation Fund and stop allowing millions to sit idly in the state's coffers.

This fund was created to safeguard our land and water, not to be absorbed into the general budget. There's enough money to do the job, and it should be utilized to as expeditiously as possible.

We don't need new mandates that hurt small businesses—we need accountability and responsible stewardship of public resources. Let's make sure the tools we already have are being used effectively.

Thank you for your leadership and attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Apodaca,

I want to check to see if I am registered to speak on Monday, October 27, at 4:00 PM.

Should I raise my hand to speak?

Thank you,

Patricia Sheely

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Oct. 26, 2025

New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission
In reference to case # 24683

Dear Commissioners:

My name is Nell Burrus, a K-12 educator in NM, since 1999. My college education was paid for by proceeds from a natural gas well located on my family's land in Oklahoma.

I am writing today, in reference to case #24683. I am in favor of rulemaking to modernize New Mexico's bonding and cleanup rules. I urge you to defend the health of NM communities and the pockets of NM taxpayers, by updating the bonding rules to fairly and accurately reflect the true cost of cleanup and remediation of the oil and gas wells in NM.

A few years ago, I was shocked to learn about the huge clouds of methane that sit over both NW New Mexico and the Permian Basin. While odorless and invisible to the naked eye, methane clouds in the atmosphere are detected by satellites using infrared technology. In my mind these clouds are a symbol of the damage that is being done to our communities, environment and climate in New Mexico mostly without our knowledge, and completely without our consent.

I recently accompanied the NM Interfaith Power and Light to Carlsbad, NM to learn about the impact of oil and gas operations on communities and the environment in the vicinity. In Carlsbad, via thermographic tools, we could see methane and VOC's emanating from a storage facility, while we heard the laughter and sounds of children playing on the playground a few hundred feet away at Ocotillo Elementary school.

At the Loco Hills location we could smell the stench of hundreds of oil wells that appeared to be abandoned. We could see petroleum leaking from tubes onto the ground, great piles of industrial waste, chemicals in unlabeled vats and again our thermographic equipment clearly showed that VOC's and methane were escaping from these sites.

Those companies who financially benefit, should be the ones who pay for the full cost. That is only fair. They should not be allowed to transfer their ownership, prior to cleaning up the site. Also, the state of NM needs to do due diligence by hiring and authorizing many more inspectors to make sure that oil operations are being carried out in accordance with current and future laws.

This is not only to protect those living in close proximity to oil and gas operations today, but

to protect future generations from their climate and health impacts, and their heavy associated costs, which New Mexicans will have to assume, if we allow this situation to continue to worsen.

Yours sincerely,

Nell Burrus

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Caminante, no hay camino, se hace camino al andar

Traveler, there is no path. The way is made as we go.

Antonio Machado



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Good morning!

As a resident of New Mexico, I would like to provide comments on the "Modernizing Oil & Gas Bonding & Cleanup Rules in New Mexico".

Companies should be required to cover cleanup costs in advance. Currently, many oil and gas operators can abandon low-producing or unused wells without paying the full price of cleanup. The proposed rules would make them provide realistic financial bonds before drilling, guaranteeing money is available to seal wells and restore the environment once production ends.

Taxpayers shouldn't be left paying the bill. With over 70,000 wells in New Mexico potentially becoming orphaned, weak bonding rules mean the public would have to cover cleanup costs instead of the companies that profited.

Stronger bonding protects land, air, and water. Abandoned wells release methane and other pollutants that harm health, contaminate groundwater, and worsen climate change. Requiring full-cost bonds ensures proper cleanup and safeguards communities.

The current system doesn't work. Despite industry claims, state data show existing bonds cover less than 1% of the real cleanup expenses — far from adequate.

This is a matter of fairness and accountability. Just as renters pay a deposit for an apartment, oil companies should pay one before drilling. It's a reasonable, widely supported step toward responsible energy development.

Thank you for considering the well-being of New Mexicans ahead of corporate profits.

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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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Dear Ms. Sheila Apodaca,

I support strengthening the financial assurance rules for oil and gas operators in New Mexico, and believe that rules should go even further to protect New Mexico taxpayers against bad operators. The rule should:

The obligation to properly decommission a well must apply to all parties who have held an interest in that well, and they must be held jointly and severally liable.

All transactions that affect or shift the ownership of a pre-existing well must be approved by the New Mexico state government, which can deny the proposed transaction as inconsistent with the public interest. Any such transaction that would increase the risk of orphaning a well must be rejected.

All new drilling of wells or transactions that effect or shift the ownership of a pre-existing well must be accompanied by a well-specific bond, the amount of which must be determined by the State, and not be based on blanket bonds, flawed productivity projections, or financial gaming of future costs.

The obligation to plug and remediate a well must be permanent, and companies must not be released from their obligations following initial plugging of a well. Plugged wells must be monitored for damage or leaks and must be repaired at the operators' joint expense. The plugs do not last forever.

The obligation to plug and remediate inactive wells must be fully and promptly enforced.

Sincerely,
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