

From: [Tom & Carlyn Jervis](#)
To: [Hearings, OCC, EMNRD](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Bonding requirements for Oil and Gas exploration and production wells
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 8:44:01 PM

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Dear Ms. Apodaca:

We have lived in NM for over 45 years and have had many opportunities to travel around the state in order to view and appreciate birds and other wildlife and the beautiful scenery in many regions of the state. We have often found abandoned oil and gas wells and other infrastructure. We were originally under the impression that these exploratory and production facilities were to be removed and cleaned up when their functional lifetime had expired, but have since found that these exploration and production facilities can be abandoned by their instigators with little or no clean-up responsibility.

We urge you to create bonding requirements on this industry that are sufficient to guarantee that these facilities are cleaned up and remediated when their useful lifetime has passed. The industry should be required to complete this cleanup within a fixed period after operations cease and not be allowed to delay completion indefinitely.

Tourism and other industries (ranching), not to mention other taxpayers in the State should not be left to clean up after this profitable industry has moved on. The pollution that these facilities leave behind is long-lasting if not remediated. The industry should be required to take responsibility for their actions.

Sincerely,

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From: [Saundra Barrett](#)
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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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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Sincerely,

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From: [Thomas Duncan](#)
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From: [tom laron](#)
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From: [Tonya Carrell](#)
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Dear Oil Conservation Commissioners,

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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From: [Vanessa Rios](#)
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From: [Wendy Kinsolving](#)
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From: [Wesley Mathews](#)
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Case No. 24683 - WELC Rulemaking Public Comment.
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From: [Shannon Patrick](#)
To: [Hearings, OCC, EMNRD](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment on Case No. 24683 - Modernizing Oil & Gas Bonding & Cleanup Rules in New Mexico
Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 11:01:19 AM

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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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From: summersolstice1994@protonmail.com
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Supporting Oil and Gas Bonding Reform in Case No. 24683
Date: Monday, November 3, 2025 5:49:19 AM

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Dear New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission,

I am writing in strong support of the proposed amendments to oil and gas bonding rules in Case No. 24683, brought forward by the Western Environmental Law Center and frontline Diné and San Juan Basin communities. These reforms are essential to hold the oil and gas industry accountable for the abandoned well crisis they created.

The Scale of the Crisis is Staggering

New Mexico has over 60,000 oil and gas wells that will eventually need to be plugged. At least 1,700 wells have already been fully abandoned—though the actual number is likely much higher due to incomplete industry reporting. Between 2019 and 2024, the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division spent \$46.4 million to plug and reclaim just 360 wells and associated infrastructure. This represents only a fraction of the massive cleanup work ahead.

Polluters Must Pay, Not Taxpayers

Industry created this crisis by drilling, abandoning, and leaving wells to pollute our communities. Now taxpayers are footing the bill for cleanup costs that should be the industry's responsibility. Current bonding requirements are inadequate to cover actual plugging costs, and many operators simply walk away from their obligations, leaving the state to clean up their mess.

A Just Transition Opportunity

These proposed rule amendments offer more than accountability—they offer an opportunity to advance workforce development and a just transition. Training programs to remediate abandoned well sites can create good-paying jobs for New Mexico workers, particularly in frontline communities most impacted by oil and gas pollution. We can clean up industry's mess while building economic opportunity for our people.

Support Strengthened Regulation

I strongly support the proposed amendments that will:

- Require adequate bonding to cover actual plugging and reclamation costs
- Hold operators accountable for wells they abandon
- Prevent poorly funded companies from acquiring wells—a common pathway to abandonment
- Create pathways for community-based cleanup and remediation workforce development

Our Generation Must Not Be Left Behind

If we don't act now, it's young people and future generations who will be left to foot the bill and live with the consequences of abandoned wells contaminating our water, air, and land. We cannot allow the oil and gas industry to externalize their cleanup costs onto New Mexico communities.

Strengthen these bonding regulations. Hold the industry accountable. Make polluters pay.

Respectfully,

Summer Mckenna

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From: [Tom Bynum](#)
To: [Hearings, OCC, EMNRD](#)
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October 27, 2025

SUBJECT: **Case # 24683 - Testimony on Rulemaking to Modernize NM Oil and Gas Bonding and Clean Up**

Good afternoon. My name is Lauren Bernally. I am the Civic Engagement Manager for the Farmington Naeva Office. I am here to voice my support to modernize New Mexico's oil and gas bonding and clean up rules referenced as case number 24683. I've lived my entire life in San Juan County, and I am concerned with the enormous number of abandoned mines and pipelines that crisscross the Navajo nation in New Mexico. The harmful emissions that continue to leak and weaken the ecological landscape of our traditional lands is alarming. Our families, livestock, pets and vegetation are all subject to the containments that are leaked in the air, water and land, continue to have devastating effects on our lifeway. Oil and gas companies and the subsidiaries that support the extraction of these harmful cases must be held accountable for the cleanup. If they drill it, they must clean it up. Bonding coverage must be increased to protect the harm these industries bring to our land. Governments must put in place good policies, laws and enforcement measures to prevent companies from violating the rights to clean and healthy environments. Oil and gas companies cannot have free reins to ruin the environment, disrupt the ecological system and continue to prey upon the most impoverished people of NM. I ask that you protect all New Mexicans by enforcing stricter clean up rules and ensure bonding coverage covers the expenses associated with the capping all lines, irrespective of who manages, owns or acquires the oil or gas company. Thank you.