

PRELIMINARY DOCKET: COMMISSION HEARING - THURSDAY - AUGUST 14, 2003

9:00 A.M. - Porter Hall
1220 South St. Francis Drive
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Land Commissioner, Patrick J. Lyons, may designate Jami Bailey as his representative for this hearing, or may participate himself.

Notice: The minutes of the July 17, 2003, Commission hearing will be adopted.

Notice: During this meeting, the Commission may conduct a closed executive session during which it will deliberate in connection with an administrative adjudicatory proceeding pending before the Commission or consult with Commission counsel under the attorney-client privilege concerning threatened or pending litigation in which the Commission is or may become a participant.

Final action may be taken in the following:

CASE 13100: Application of Fruitland Coalbed Methane Study Committee to Amend Rules 4 and 7 of Special Rules and Regulations For the Basin-Fruitland Coal (Gas) Pool in Sections 17 and 18, T30N, R14W, and Portions of Sections 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 35, T30N, R15W, San Juan County, New Mexico.

CASE 12969: Readvertised

Application of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, through the Environmental Bureau Chief, for Repeal of Rules 18, 105 and 313 and adoption of a new rule regulating pits. The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division applies to the Oil Conservation Commission to repeal Rules 18, 105 and 313 [19.15.1.18 NMAC, 19.15.3.105 NMAC and 19.15.5.313 NMAC] concerning pits, and to adopt new Rule 53 [to be codified as 19.15.2.53 NMAC] comprehensively regulating the construction, operating and closure of pits used in oil and gas exploration, production, treatment and transportation, and amendments to Rule 7 [19.15.1.7 NMAC] adding new definitions. Application of the proposed rule and amendments is STATEWIDE.

CASE 12811: De Novo - Continued from July 17, 2003, Commission Hearing

Application of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for an Order Requiring Operators to Bring Three Hundred Eighty-Eight (388) Wells into Compliance with Rule 201.B, and Assessing Appropriate Civil Penalties; Eddy, Chaves and Otero Counties, New Mexico. The Applicant seeks an order requiring the operators of 388 inactive wells located in Eddy, Chaves and Otero Counties, New Mexico, to bring said wells into compliance with OCD Rule 201.B by either restoring said wells to production or beneficial use, plugging and abandoning said wells or securing Division approval for temporary abandonment thereof. The affected operators are the following:

J Cleo Thompson and Kersey & Co

Upon application of J. Cleo Thompson and Kersey & Co., this case will be heard De Novo pursuant to the provisions of Rule 1220.