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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Case No. 24683
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From: [Belva Lean](#)
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We need to make sure oil and gas industries in New Mexico take care of their wells and are responsible companies that are only here with the permission of the people of New Mexico. Please be concerned citizens and responsible businesses. Thank you Belva Colton Santa Fe , NM

From: bj0009721@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Bettemae Johnson
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Please ensure that oil companies are responsible for clean up after wells are closed. It should not be the responsibility of the citizens of New Mexico to pay for their crime of environmental damage.

Thank you

From: holcomb.emily@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Emily Holcomb
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To: [Hearings, OCC, EMNRD](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Case No. 24683 - WELC Rulemaking Public Comment
Date: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 8:11:22 AM

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Dear OCD Hearings,

I'm writing to express concern about the proposed bonding rule and the broader issue of well cleanup in New Mexico.

I encourage the State to better utilize the Reclamation Fund. The funds come from a tax paid by the oil and gas industry specifically designed to support the plugging of orphaned wells.

Millions are sitting idly, and I request that the red tape be cut and the dollars deployed. The problem isn't funding—it's oversight and execution.

Instead of imposing blanket mandates that could harm smaller operators and local economies, we should be asking why the current system isn't working and why the State isn't using the tools and funds it already has.

New Mexicans deserve clean air, safe water, and a strong economy, and the state must do its part to plug the wells with the funds the Legislature has designated

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From: [Hildegard Adams](#)
To: [Hearings, OCC, EMNRD](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Clean up of abandoned wells
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Dear Sir/Madam:

For too long oil companies have not been held accountable for the pollution of ground , air, water that they create .

Let's turn this around . Protect our communities , protect our environment , protect our state.

Sincerely,
Ms Hildegard Adams

Sent from my iPhone

From: 1iengle@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of I. Engle
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Dear Ms Apodaca, Commission Clerk,

It seems fair to require bonding sufficient to close abandoned wells, rather than let that expense fall to the taxpayers.

Thanks,

James Caufield

Las Cruces

From: jen.wantuck@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jenny Wantuck
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My name is Lisa Crowner and I am a 33 year resident of New Mexico. I wish to address the need for modernizing the Oil and Gas bonding and cleanup rules in our state. (Case No. 24683)

Operators of the Oil and Gas industry have overlooked their responsibility to clean up after themselves by failing to consistently plug oil wells that have gone dry. These abandoned wells continue to leak climate warming methane into the blue New Mexico sky and toxins into our scarce water. While the methane and toxins may be invisible, they are not without harm to the families and communities of New Mexico. They also leave the New Mexico taxpayers on the hook for the cleanup costs.

Oil and Gas has punched plenty of holes into the New Mexico landscape to pump out permian oil and is set to punch out many more at a healthy profit. I am not unaware of the positive effect that this has had on the state coffers. I am perplexed, however, that the system of selling off wells that begin to fail then being bought up by successively smaller companies as the well produces less and less finally ends up with NO company ultimately being responsible for the plugging of these wells.

If the industry operators remain insufficiently bonded, the taxpayers of New Mexico must pay these cleanup costs. These costs are estimated to be between \$700 million and \$1.6 billion, with 600 currently abandoned wells, and 4,400 wells to be abandoned soon, that lack corporate funding for plugging them. The industry operators may say that there is bond money or a security deposit set aside for this purpose, but this is woefully inadequate. The state cap of required bonding is \$250,000 per operator, no matter how many wells they operate—which can be thousands of wells. The current bonding system covers only 2-10% of the total liability. The cost of plugging a well can be from \$31,000 to \$778,000 per well, with the average cost of \$163,000 per well. (data from FY 2024)

Historically it has been somewhat possible to hold the corporations accountable for the cleanup and land restoration costs, and 89% of New Mexicans support this. But the costs of plugging wells continues to climb, and *public* funds have covered the majority of the costs over the past five years with \$50 million each from state and federal funding. The bonding system for the cleanup of abandoned wells is broken and seriously inadequate.

Please strengthen the bond system for the cleanup of abandoned wells and the security bonding of future wells that will be tapped out. Resolve to keep New Mexico's families healthy, our blue sky clear, and our water pure.

Lisa Crowner
10/22/2025

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To Ms. Sheila Apodaca, Commission Clerk,

I am writing today in strong support of the rulemaking (Case No. 24683) to modernize New Mexico's bonding and cleanup rules. In the last five years, over \$100 million in taxpayer and public funds-state and federal- have been spent to clean up abandoned wells in our state. We still face up to \$1.6 billion in future cleanup costs. These abandoned wells don't just create an enormous financial risk for New Mexico's taxpayers, they pollute our air, land and water. Methane and toxins from these abandoned wells leak into the air and groundwater, harming wildlife and public health, especially in rural and tribal communities. Our precious natural resources belong to all of us. When we let oil and gas corporations make millions in profits from wells in our state, they must have a responsibility to clean up their wells and protect our air, land and water. We cannot continue to underfund the risk resulting from abandoned wells, especially when the cost of inaction has a significant impact on New Mexico's taxpayers and the health of our communities. The proposed changes, supported by state agencies that oversee oil and gas development, offer a smart, risk-based, science-informed update, and I strongly support these proposed changes and updated rules. If they drill it, they clean it. No exceptions!!

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear EMNRD of NM,
(c/o Sheila Apodaca)

Please accept my comments for the public record regarding new bonding and cleanup, require requirements for mining and oil operations on public lands.

Please update and create stronger requirements for cleanup. Companies should not leave a mess. Energy and mineral extraction is important yet often the mess and waste left behind is not part of their responsibility. Please ensure public lands are properly protected.

Thank you

Robinson Kurth
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Sent from my iPhone

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From: Stacie Slay
To: [Hearings, OCC, EMNRD](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Hold Oil & Gas Responsible for the Pollution they Create
Date: Wednesday, October 22, 2025 11:33:55 AM

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My name is Mrs. Stacie Slay and I live in San Juan County New Mexico, surrounded by Oil and Gas Wells. Here in New Mexico, we have held oil and gas corporations accountable for their pollution before, and we can do it again. State Land Commissioner Stephanie Garcia Richard's Accountability and Enforcement Program has held oil corporations accountable for cleaning up over 681 wells, saving at least \$68 million in public funds. We can join together again to demand that regulators enforce existing rules and create new ones that protect our air and water and ensure oil and gas corporations clean up their mess

Thank you,

Mrs. Stacie Slay

From: Susan Cosner
To: [Hearings, OCC, EMNRD](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Case No. 24683 - WELC Rulemaking Public Comment
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