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Subject: [EXTERNAL] bonding and cleanup rules public written comment
Date: Monday, November 3, 2025 10:18:05 AM

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To: Sheila Apodaca
Request for the New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission:

Please enact new bonding and cleanup rules that would modernize the outdated requirements and make sure that corporations—not communities—pay to plug their wells 100% of the time.

There is no logical reason that oil and gas companies/contractors should not be taking care of their own impacts, cradle to grave, both financially and environmentally.

We've seen what happens when the rules are too weak—pollution is left behind, harming our health, and taxpayers are stuck with the bill. Modernizing oil and gas bonding and cleanup rules is about fairness, justice, and protecting what we love for the next generation.

Sincerely,
Karlis Viceps
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From: [Keith Corbett](#)
To: [Hearings, OCC, EMNRD](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Case No. 24683 - WELC Rulemaking Public Comment.
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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From: [Leslie Reeves](#)
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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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Sincerely,

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From: [Lynsey Coons](#)
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From: [Machele Crawford](#)
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From: [Marian Black](#)
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From: [Marie Harris](#)
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From: [marion richardson](#)
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From: [Mark Morphis](#)
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From: [Martha Jackson](#)
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From: [Martin Fox](#)
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From: [Mary Root](#)
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To: [Hearings, OCC, EMNRD](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Case No. 24683 - WELC Rulemaking Public Comment.
Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2025 10:00:17 PM

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From: [Melissa Bain](#)
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Thank you for your leadership and attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

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From: [Melissa Lee](#)
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From: [Michael Miller](#)
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From: [Michael Worley](#)
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From: [Mike Hightower](#)
To: [Hearings, OCC, EMNRD](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Case No. 24683 - WELC Rulemaking Public Comment.
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Case No. 24683 - WELC Rulemaking Public Comment.
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Sincerely,

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From: [Nancy Peterson Albuquerque NM](#)
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From: mike.kunnecke
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Modernizing Oil & Gas Bonding & Cleanup Rules in New Mexico
Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025 6:43:59 AM

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Good morning/afternoon, Chair & Commissioners. My name is Mike Kunnecke, and I'm speaking on behalf of the Apache County Democrats (a Four Corners organisation) in strong support of the proposed bonding rule changes. Here's the bottom line: if you drill it, you should clean it up. 100% of the time. Right now, oil and gas corporations can drill unlimited wells in New Mexico while posting bonds that cover only a fraction of the cost. The Legislative Finance Committee found plugging these wells to cost an average of \$163,000 per well, and some cost over \$700,000. Because of outdated bonding rules, the public is left paying to plug wells to prevent them from releasing toxins into the air and water. In the last five years, over \$100 million in public funds—state and federal—has been spent to clean up abandoned wells. We still face up to \$1.6 billion in future cleanup costs. These abandoned wells don't just create financial risk, they're dangerous. The methane and toxins leak into the air and our groundwater, harming wildlife and public health, especially in rural and Tribal communities. New Mexicans overwhelmingly support reform. A new statewide poll shows nearly 9 in 10 New Mexicans (89%) support requiring oil and gas corporations to pay the full cost of plugging wells. State agencies that oversee oil and gas development, such as the State Land Office and the Oil Conservation Division, support the proposed changes. These rule updates are a chance to finally align policy with common sense. It ensures that the corporations profiting from New Mexico's land are also fully responsible for plugging their wells. If bonding isn't set high enough now, during the boom, there's often not enough money left to cover cleanup after the bust—shifting the cost to the public. Please vote to adopt stronger bonding rules. Let's protect our air, water, and wallets and make sure no one gets to profit while leaving the rest of us with the mess.

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From: [Lauren Leib](#)
To: [Hearings, OCC, EMNRD](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment - Proposed Amendment to Rules at 19.15.2, 19.15.5, 19.15.8, 19.15.9, and 19.15.25 NMAC
Date: Monday, November 3, 2025 11:16:48 AM

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Hello,

I fully support the proposed amendments to Commission rules at 19.15.2, 19.15.5, 19.15.8, 19.15.9, and 19.15.25 NMAC. I am an employee working in the enforcement side of the oil & gas industry, writing in my personal capacity. I see firsthand how the industry passes of low-producing wells to smaller and smaller operators who are financially incapable of covering the costs of their plugging and reclamation responsibilities. Continuing to allow such low bonding requirements perpetuates bad governance and fails the public mandate of responsible energy development. Not requiring operators to be fully bonded for their liabilities only delays bankruptcies and increases the number of orphan wells that must be cleaned up at the taxpayer's expense, when those operators should never have been allowed to take over the wells in the first place.

Thank you.

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Lauren Leib

From: [Nicole Waltermire](#)
To: [Hearings, OCC, EMNRD](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] testimony regarding Case No. 24683
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To Whom it May Concern:

As a private citizen from Las Cruces, I write to you in strong support of the proposed bonding rule changes in Case No. 24683.

I'm an educator and mother of two. Our son sees a breathing specialist, and I'm concerned for the health of all New Mexican children and families. That's why we need to protect the air we breathe and the water we drink.

But today, the rules allow wealthy oil and gas corporations to sometimes abandon the wells they drill to save money rather than pay what they agreed to safely clean them up. Abandoned wells can leak toxins into our air and drinking water, kill wildlife, and lead to fires, explosions or other accidents. We need to make these wealthy corporations clean up the wells they drill to protect our public health and safety.

The solution you have in front of you in this case is just common sense. It's fair, based on data and evidence, and supported by nearly 90% of New Mexicans. Taxpayers and public funds should not be responsible for cleaning up pollution from oil and gas. We know that nearly 700 wells are already abandoned by oil and gas corporations. We know the real cost of cleanup, and we know how little current bonds cover.

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Please vote to adopt stronger bonding rules. Let's protect our air and water for all New Mexicans and make sure no one gets to profit while leaving the rest of us with the mess.

Thank you for your consideration,

Nicole Waltermire

Las Cruces, NM

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From: [Mary Valentine](#)
To: [Apodaca, Sheila, EMNRD](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Comment Re. Case No. 24683
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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 guarantee that anyone extracting oil or gas from New Mexico lands will be held responsible for keeping our land, air, and water clean. They must also prevent adding climate disrupting chemicals to the atmosphere.

Sincerely,
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