

Explanatory paragraph: This is an amendment to 19.15.2 NMAC, Section 7, effective _____, Subsections A through N and Subsections P through Q were not published as there were no changes.

19.15.2.7 DEFINITIONS: These definitions apply to 19.15.2 NMAC through 19.15.39 NMAC.

O. Definitions beginning with the letter "O".

(1) "Official gas-oil ratio test" means the periodic gas-oil ratio test the operator performs pursuant to division order by the method and in the manner the division prescribes.

(2) "Oil" means petroleum hydrocarbon produced from a well in the liquid phase and that existed in a liquid phase in the reservoir. This definition includes crude oil or crude petroleum oil.

(3) "Oil field waste" means ~~non-domestic waste [generated in conjunction with the exploration for, drilling for, production of, refining of, processing of, gathering of or transportation of oil, gas or carbon dioxide; waste generated from oil field service company operations; and waste generated from oil field remediation or abatement activity regardless of the date of release]~~ resulting from the exploration, development, production or storage of oil or gas pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 70-2-12(B)(21) and the oil field service industry, the transportation of crude oil or natural gas, the treatment of natural gas or the refinement of crude oil pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 70-2-12(B)(22), including waste generated from oil field remediation or abatement activity regardless of the date of release. Oil field waste does not include waste not generally associated with oil and gas industry operations such as tires, appliances or ordinary garbage or refuse unless generated at a division-regulated facility, and does not include sewage, regardless of the source.

(4) "Oil well" means a well capable of producing oil and that is not a gas well as defined in Paragraph (6) of Subsection G of 19.15.2.7 NMAC.

(5) "Operator" means a person who, duly authorized, is in charge of a lease's development or a producing property's operation, or who is in charge of a facility's operation or management.

(6) "Overproduction" means the amount of oil or gas produced during a proration period in excess of the amount authorized on the proration schedule.

(7) "Owner" means the person who has the right to drill into and to produce from a pool, and to appropriate the production either for the person or for the person and another.