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## **EMNRD Oil Conservation Division Announces Venting and Flaring Map**

**Santa Fe** – Today the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department’s (EMNRD) Oil Conservation Division (OCD) announces a new public map that shows venting and flaring activity from the oil and gas industry in New Mexico. This new feature was developed within EMNRD’s technology department and is [now available for the public to use](#).

The maps are created using data collected from required oil and gas industry reporting and aims to make OCD data more available and transparent to the industry and the public. The OCD continues to look for ways to better collect and present data related to the oil and gas industry, this venting and flaring map is a first step in creating user-friendly applications for both the public and regulators. Users are able to search the map in multiple different ways including by address, operator, well type, and more. A [user guide](#) is available on the OCD website.

“One of my goals for this department is to have transparent processes and guide our work through science and data,” said EMNRD Cabinet Secretary Sarah Cottrell Propst. “The venting and flaring map is another step in the right direction towards both of these goals.”

“The OCD is always looking for data to drive our work, we currently have a significant amount of data that was previously available just not in a user-friendly way. The methane map is a first step in changing that and presenting our data in an interactive format,” said OCD Director Adrienne Sandoval. “I want to thank the staff in the EMNRD technology division who have created this easy-to-use tool for the public and the staff in my Division who worked on this map as well.”

The OCD plans to build on this public map as we continue to collect data and make more oil and gas information available for the public.

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