

NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Notice of Continuation of Rulemaking

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Commission (Commission) hereby gives notice of the continuation of the following proposed rulemaking:

Case No. 16078: IN THE MATTER OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMISSION'S RULES ON FINANCIAL ASSURANCE AND PLUGGING AND ABANDONMENT OF WELLS, 19.15.2, 19.15.8, AND 19.15.25 NMAC

The Commission hearing on Case 16078 scheduled to commence on May 24, 2018 will be continued to, and will commence on, July 19, 2018. The Commission will commence the public hearing on the proposed rules at the Commission meeting at 9:00 A.M. on July 19, 2018, in Porter Hall, 1st Floor, Wendell Chino Building, 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Written or electronic comments on the proposed rule may be hand delivered or mailed to the Commission Clerk, Florene Davidson, 3d floor, 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505, or e-mailed to florene.davidson@state.nm.us. All written or electronic comment must be received by the Commission Clerk no later than 9:00 A.M. on July 19, 2018, unless the Commission or the Commission Chair extends this deadline.

Persons intending to submit proposed modifications to the proposed rule amendments, to present technical testimony at the hearing, or to cross-examine witnesses must file six copies of a Pre-hearing Statement conforming to the requirements of Subsection B of 19.15.3.11 NMAC, no later than 5:00 P.M. on July 5, 2018. Pre-hearing Statements must be hand-delivered, mailed or e-mailed to the Commission Clerk at the above address.

Any person who has not submitted a pre-hearing statement may present non-technical testimony or make an unsworn statement at the hearing. A person may also offer exhibits with the testimony so long as the exhibits are relevant to the proposed rule changes and do not unduly repeat the testimony. Any person who wishes to present non-technical testimony should indicate their intent on a sign-in sheet at the hearing. A person who testifies at the hearing is subject to cross-examination by the commissioners, commission counsel or a party on the subject matter of the person's direct testimony.

The full text of the proposed rule amendments is available from Commission Clerk, Florene Davidson at (505) 476-3458 or can be viewed on the Rules page at the Oil Conservation Division's website at <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/ocd>, or at Oil Conservation Division offices in Santa Fe, Hobbs, Artesia or Aztec. Further information on the summary and purpose of the proposed rule, the legal authority for the proposed rule, and the technical information that served as a basis for the proposed rule is also available at the Rules page.

If you are an individual with a disability who needs a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing, please contact Ms. Davidson at (505) 476-3458 or through the New Mexico Relay

Network at 1-800-659-1779 by July 5, 2018. Public documents can be provided in various accessible forms. Please contact Ms. Davidson if a summary or other type of accessible form is needed. A party who plans to use projection equipment at a hearing must contact Ms. Davidson seven (7) business days prior to the hearing requesting the use of the projection equipment. Wireless internet is available; however, the person requesting to use the wireless connection must provide a laptop computer.