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New Mexico Oil Conservation Division and XTO Energy partner for safety training

HOBBS, N.M. – The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD), a division of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, and XTO Energy, a subsidiary of ExxonMobil, hosted a joint training day designed to share best practices and enhance overall safety training and preparation procedures in the oil and natural gas fields.

During the training, which took place both in a classroom and a simulated oil and gas field at the New Mexico Junior College Department of Training and Outreach, participants learned more about Delaware Basin development – including drilling, completions, artificial lift and surface equipment – and the safety processes and procedures that accompany every aspect of these operations.

Adrienne Sandoval, director of New Mexico Oil Conservation Division, describes this partnership as a new, but pivotal, component to ensuring best practices for those who work in the oil and gas field and require constant safety vigilance.

"Safety is a top priority for the Oil Conservation Division. By partnering with XTO Energy, we are ensuring that our employees are stepping onto the field every day with the right equipment, training and mindset. We hope this is only the first collaborative public-private partnership," said Sandoval.

"We are pleased to collaborate with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division on safety best practices," said Carman Mullins, vice president, Permian Business Unit, XTO Energy. "Our goal, each day is to create a work environment where Nobody Gets Hurt and every single person across the Permian Basin returns home safely."

About New Mexico Oil Conservation Division

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division regulates oil and gas activity in New Mexico by gathering well production data, permitting new wells and enforcing the state's oil and gas rules and statutes.

About XTO Energy

[XTO Energy Inc.](#), a subsidiary of Exxon Mobil Corporation, is a leading natural gas and oil producer in the U.S. with expertise in developing tight gas, shale gas and unconventional oil resources. XTO has operations in all major U.S. producing regions. In the Delaware Basin of New Mexico, XTO holds over 400,000 acres and operates in two counties. In 2016, XTO and ExxonMobil invested \$258,000 in higher education, medical care, environmental research and arts and civic organizations in New Mexico.