

Change of Operator Name Process (C-146)

19.15.9.10 CHANGE OF NAME:

A. *A change of operator name occurs when the name of the entity responsible for a well or wells changes, but the entity does not change. For a change of name, the OGRID number remains the same, but division records are changed to reflect the new operator's name.*

B. *An operator shall apply for a change of name by filing a form C-146 using the division's web-based online application and supplying documentary proof that the change is a name change and not a change of operator. If the operator is a corporation, limited liability company or limited partnership, the name must be registered with the public regulation commission or the New Mexico secretary of state, as applicable. The division shall not approve a change of name until the state land office and the taxation and revenue department have cleared the change of name on the OGRID. [19.15.9.10 NMAC - Rp, 19.15.3.100 NMAC, 12/1/08]*

If a name change (C-146) is sought, corporate documentation must be submitted to show the approved amendment showing the name change from the New Mexico Secretary of State.

New Mexico State Land Office must also be contacted before a C-146 is approved.

To get clearance for a name change with the State Land Office, the Operator will need to email both:

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Once cleared by the State Land Office, the Operator then will acquire and submit new financial assurance, changing the name of principal to the new name prior to the completion and submission of the C-146 form for approval. This applies to Surety Bonds and Letters of Credit. Cash Bonds require new forms under the new name.

After having:

- 1) Registration approval of the new name with the NM Secretary of State Office.
- 2) Registration approval of the name changes with the State Land Office.
- 3) NMOCD receive and approve the new financial assurances under the new name.

The Operator will complete a name change (C-146) electronically through OCD Permitting.

When the C-146 form is approved by NMOCD, the operator may request a release of any financial assurances existing in the old name by emailing the following [**Financial Assurance Release Request form**](#) (click on the link to access the form) to, OCD.AdminComp@emnrd.nm.gov