

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PRELIMINARY DOCKET
PUBLIC MEETING
FEBRUARY 11-12, 2021
9:00 a.m.

OCC Case No. 21528

The public meeting will be held online and by telephone at 9:00 a.m. on **February 11, 2021** and continuing through the following day(s) if not completed.

Purpose of Public Meeting: The Commission will deliberate and possibly take action on the application of the OCD to adopt proposed rules to regulate the venting and flaring of natural gas from oil and natural gas production and gathering facilities. The Commission took evidence at the public rulemaking hearing held from January 4, 2021 through January 15, 2021, and the evidentiary record is now closed.

Summary of Proposed Rules: The OCD proposes to adopt two new rules and to amend three existing rules. The new rules are 19.15.27 NMAC, which establishes requirements for operators of oil and gas production facilities to report and reduce the venting and flaring of natural gas; and 19.15.28 NMAC, which establishes requirements for operators of natural gas gathering systems, including gathering pipelines, to report and reduce the venting and flaring of natural gas. The amended rules are 19.15.7 NMAC, to change the name of a form, add new forms, and provide instructions; 19.15.18 NMAC, to remove a provision requiring operators of production facilities and application to file an application to flare natural gas; and 19.15.19 NMAC, to remove two provisions regarding the venting of natural gas at production facilities.

Legal Authority: The proposed rules are authorized by the Oil and Gas Act, Sections 70-2-1 through 70-2-38 NMSA 1978, including Section 70-2-6 (authorizing the OCC to exercise jurisdiction, authority, and control of and over all persons, matters, and things necessary or proper to enforce the statute), Section 70-2-11 (authorizing the OCC to make rules to prevent waste, protect correlative rights, and to do whatever may be reasonably necessary to implement the statute), and Section 70-2-12 (enumerating the powers of the OCC and OCD). The public meeting is governed by the OCC's rule on rulemaking proceedings, 19.15.3.13 NMAC and the Open Meetings Act.

Availability of Rules To Be Deliberated: The full text of OCD's final proposed rules is available on the OCD's website, <http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/ocd>, or by contacting the OCC Clerk, Florene Davidson at florene.davidson@state.nm.us. The Commission's casefile may be found at <https://ocdimage.emnrd.state.nm.us/imaging/CaseFileView.aspx?CaseNo=21528>.

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During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, state buildings are closed to the public and meetings will be conducted remotely. The Commission meeting will be held via Webex Meeting platform, and can be accessed by using the following information:

OCC Waste Rule Deliberations - Feb 11, 2021

Event address for attendees: <https://nmemnrd.webex.com/nmemnrd/onstage/g.php?MTID=e98ec959092d377b815d33cd16bfbbb5e>

Date and time: Thursday, February 11, 2021 9:00 am
Mountain Standard Time (Denver, GMT-07:00)

Duration: 9 hours

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Event address for attendees: <https://nmemnrd.webex.com/nmemnrd/onstage/g.php?MTID=e3e0e34a9217d200c1791ce3ff2c158c6>

Date and time: Friday, February 12, 2021 9:00 am
Mountain Standard Time (Denver, GMT-07:00)

Duration: 9 hours

Event number: 146 224 1341

Event password: ebDTfi2fP32

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interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing, please contact Florene Davidson at (505) 470-5480 or through the New Mexico Relay Network at 1-800-659-1779 by February 1, 2021. Public documents can be provided in various accessible formats. A preliminary agenda will be available to the public no later than two weeks prior to the meeting. A final agenda will be available no later than 72 hours preceding the meeting. Members of the public may obtain copies of the agenda by contacting Ms. Davidson at the phone number indicated above. Also, the agenda will be posted on the Oil Conservation Division website at www.emnrd.state.nm.us/OCD/