

How to Become an Operator in New Mexico

To operate as a business entity in New Mexico—whether you're forming a corporation, limited liability company (LLC), limited partnership (LP), general partnership (GP), or another structure—you must register with the New Mexico Secretary of State (NMSOS). <https://www.sos.state.nm.us/business-services/>.

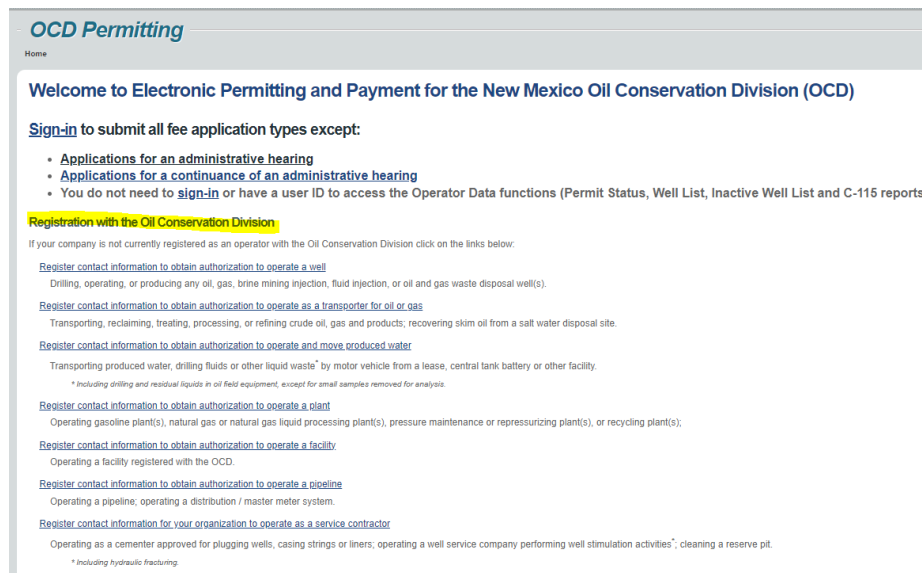
For questions about the registration process, contact details are available on the NMSOS Business Services website.

Step 1: Register Your Business

- Once you receive approval from NMSOS, you're ready to proceed to the next step.

Step 2: Register with the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD)

- Visit the OCD Permitting system: <https://wwwapps.emnrd.nm.gov/OCD/OCDPermitting/default.aspx>



- Navigate to **Registration with the Oil Conservation Division**.
- Select the appropriate registration option and fill out all required fields.
- Click “Submit to OCD” to send your registration to the **Administrative Compliance Group** for review.
- After submission, you'll receive an email with further instructions to complete your registration.
- This portal handles electronic permitting and payments.

Chapter 15 OIL & GAS New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC)

The glossary of the Oil and Gas Rules: [Chapter 15 – Oil and Gas - State Records Center & Archives \(nm.gov\)](#)
In the glossary, please select to access each of the rules listed below:

- Select Chapter 15 – Oil And Gas
 - 19.15.5 NMAC – ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE
 - 19.15.7 NMAC – FORMS AND REPORTS FOR STATE/PRIVATE/FEE & FEDERAL
(Will provide information regarding Form C-115 etc.)
 - 19.15.8 NMAC – FINANCIAL ASSURANCE
 - 19.15.9 NMAC – WELL OPERATOR PROVISIONS

Questions? For additional help, contact the OCD Administrative Compliance Group:
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