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Adrienne Sandoval Named Oil Conservation Division Director

Santa Fe, NM – Today, Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department Cabinet Secretary Sarah Cottrell Propst announced Adrienne Sandoval as the new director for the Oil Conservation Division. The Division regulates oil and gas activity in New Mexico.

"I'm confident Ms. Sandoval is the right person to lead the Oil Conservation Division given the many challenges and opportunities posed by heightened industry activity in our state," said Secretary Sarah Cottrell Propst. "Her experience with the industry in environmental compliance and regulatory matters combined with a proven track record of bringing together diverse stakeholders makes her a great fit."

Ms. Sandoval has deep industry experience and has spent the last several years in Marathon Petroleum's Denver office working on federal regulatory affairs and legislative matters. Sandoval also worked in the field for the Williams Companies in Tulsa, OK, among other positions. She holds a Master of Engineering in Chemical Engineering and a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from the University of Tulsa.

"The oil boom in the Permian Basin has put a strain on regulatory oversite. One of my first priorities is focusing on supporting and building a staff of qualified, motivated people," said Adrienne Sandoval. "I'm also excited for the opportunity to lead as we develop robust methane rules and a process for imposing new fees as a result of new legislation."

Sandoval will be in place April 2, 2019.

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