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## **EMNRD's Oil Conservation Division launches paperless initiative**

**Santa Fe, NM** – Today the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) Oil Conservation Division (OCD) announces the first phase of an ongoing paperless initiative project with the launch of new online submission forms in the [OCD Online](#) system. Operators will now be able to submit 100 different form types into the OCD Online system saving time on both ends of the application and reporting process. The initiative is part of an ongoing effort to modernize the OCD and work more efficiently with current resources.

Improving efficiencies in the OCD has been a top priority of this administration and transitioning the Division to online formats has been an ongoing process. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, many forms were submitted via paper requiring extensive staff processing time. As an interim step after the Division transitioned to telework, operators were able to upload forms into the E-Docs system, however this system had limitations. The expanded OCD Online application portal allows operators to submit information directly into the OCD Online applications portal, saving valuable staff time to devote to other critical operational needs.

“Transitioning as many of our processes as possible to an online format not only streamlines our work but also allows us to more evenly distribute our workload across the Division,” said OCD Director Adrienne Sandoval. “The paperless initiative is another step in our ongoing efforts to be a more modern and efficient Division.”

The expanded OCD Online application portal was developed within the EMNRD Information Technology Office which has been an integral partner in modernizing the Division.

For any questions regarding the updated system, please contact [OCD.Fees@state.nm.us](mailto:OCD.Fees@state.nm.us).

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