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NOTICE OF RULEMAKING FOR STATE LAND OFFICE RULES IN NEW MEXICO ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TITLE 19, CHAPTER 2

The New Mexico State Land Office ("SLO") will hold a public hearing on June 12, 2020, at 1:00 p.m., and continuing thereafter as necessary, in Morgan Hall, 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Due to public health measures related to the coronavirus pandemic, this hearing may need to be held telephonically/remotely. Any change to the location or time will be posted with a final agenda on the SLO webpage (http://www.nmstatelands.org) at least 72 hours prior to the date and time specified above.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comments on a proposed amendment to the SLO rule regarding temporary shut-in of oil wells due to severe reductions in the price of oil, 19.2.100.71 NMAC. The Commissioner's authority to promulgate this rule is found in Sections 19-1-2 and 19-10-6, NMSA 1978. The Commissioner has adopted an emergency rule amendment permitting temporary shut-in of oil wells for up to 120 days from April 21, 2020; the present proposed rule is substantively identical, but would permit temporary shut-ins for a longer duration.

The proposed rule changes are available on the SLO website (http://nmstatelands.org), the Sunshine Portal (http://www.sunshineportalnm.com). To request a hard copy, contact Alysha Shaw at (505) 827-5761 or ashaw@slo.state.nm.us. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, hard copies are not presently available at the SLO building located at 310 Old Santa Fe Trail, Santa Fe, New Mexico, or at SLO district offices.

Written comments may be submitted by mail to Alysha Shaw, New Mexico State Land Office, Attention: Temporary Oil Well Shut-In Rulemaking, or by email to ashaw@slo.state.nm.us. Written comments (including comments submitted by email) will be accepted through June 11, 2020.

If you are an individual with a disability and you require assistance or an auxiliary aid (such as a sign language interpreter) to participate in any aspect of this process, please contact Selena Romero by June 5, 2020 at (505) 827-5790 or sromero@slo.state.nm.us.