

HIGHLIGHTS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE RIO ARRIBA COUNTY OIL AND GAS ORDINANCE

1. Increased setbacks
2. Prohibit the injection of chemicals into the ground (including for Fracking)
3. Require that water used by oil companies come from outside the county
4. Require that roads to oil well sites be paved
5. Revoke drilling permits in the event of a spill or similar accident
6. Require solar power as the electricity source at oil well sites (assuming solar panels can provide enough power for this purpose; TBD...)
7. Require oil companies to offer first refusal to qualified or trainable local residents for oil-related jobs, which may include providing training
8. Require oil companies to provide temporary housing for any employees who move from outside the area, and to provide all infrastructure improvements needed to accommodate drilling in the area
9. Increase the amount of insurance that oil companies are required to obtain
10. Prohibit oil well sites in open areas and require that they be located only in wooded areas for the purposes of visual screening
11. Prohibit the building of new roads to access oil wells sites
12. Set a maximum distance that an oil well site can be located from a road