



# Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

## Oil and Gas Program Bonding Rulemaking Timeline

- In the 2019 performance audit of [Utah's Oil and Gas Program](#), the auditors recommended reviewing and updating the current bond structures in Administrative Rules. The audit noted, *"Bond amounts and bond structures for oil and gas wells were last updated 16 years ago, which is concerning given ongoing industry technological advances. Insufficient bond amounts and bond structures pose a financial risk to the state. Existing bond amounts and bond structures are inadequate."*
- Prior to the audit, Oil and Gas Program staff had been working on drafting new administrative rules. With the COVID-19 pandemic, work slowed, and the process was put on hold.
- September 2022: Stakeholders were identified and invited to meetings to review the proposed draft. Stakeholders: Utah Petroleum Association, Environmental Defense Fund, SITLA/Trust Lands, Board Members (LaVonne Garrison and Steve Church)
- Stakeholder meetings:
  - September 22, 2022
  - April 18, 2023
  - June 30, 2023
  - September 21, 2023
  - April 11, 2024
  - July 9, 2024 (Bond calculator Q&A)
  - August 22, 2024
  - September 21, 2024
- February 26, 2025: Oil and Gas Program staff presented an overview of the proposed rulemaking to the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining
- April 23, 2025: Stakeholder presentations to the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining regarding the proposed bonding rules
  - Utah Petroleum Association
  - Robert L. Bayless, Producer LLC
  - KODA Resources
  - Scout Energy Partners
  - Greylock Energy
  - Environmental Defense Fund
  - Comments from the National Fuel Corporation and the Trust Lands Administration

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