

JANUARY AGENDA
BEFORE THE BOARD OF OIL, GAS AND MINING
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
IN AND FOR THE STATE OF UTAH

A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 29, 2020, in the auditorium of the Department of Natural Resources, 1594 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. The meeting will be streamed live on the Department of Natural Resources YouTube channel. The link for the Briefing Session is <https://youtu.be/Yz8NoWqRxJk>, and the link for the Board Hearing is <https://youtu.be/wQL15ILE1WU>.

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining will conduct a Briefing Session at 9:00 a.m.:

1. Creating and Improving Safety Culture in the Oil, Gas and Mining Industry (Presentation by CultureQuantified)
 2. Oil & Gas Program Inspection Prioritization
 3. Other
 4. Next Month's Agenda and Division Calendar
 5. Opportunity for Public Comment
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The Board will hear the following Matters at 10:00 a.m.:

1. [Per Acre Bonding Costs for Small Mines and Exploration](#) – The Division will present information about average costs per acre for reclamation, followed by an opportunity for public comment. The Board will be asked to approve a figure that will be used for bonding small mines and exploration operations.
2. [Docket No. 2019-024 Cause No. RMNRL-2019-01](#) – In the matter of Formal Rulemaking to amend the Mineral Program rules pertaining to Suspension of Operations, rules: R647-1-106, R647-2-102, R647-2-115, R647-3-101, R647-3-102, R647-3-113, R647-3-117, R647-4-102, R647-4-117, R647-4-121, and R647-5-101 of the Utah Admin. Code.
(This matter was continued from the December 11, 2019, Board Meeting. The Comment period closed on January 22, 2020. The Division will ask the Board to adopt the rules as submitted to the Office of Administrative Rules.)
3. [Docket No. 2019-025 Cause No. 139-169](#) – In the matter of the Request for Agency Action of ALTAMONT ENERGY OPERATING LLC for an order amending the Board's orders in Docket No. 2019-006, Cause No. 139-163 and Docket No. 2018-005, Cause No. 139-154, and establishing one overlapping 2,560-acre Section Line Unit for the production of oil, gas and associated hydrocarbons from the Lower Green River-Wasatch (Colton) Formations in Sections 1, 2, 11 and 12, Township 2 South, Range 2 West, U.S.M. all in Duchesne County, Utah.
(This matter was continued from the December 11, 2019, Board Meeting.)

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4. [Docket No. 2019-026 Cause No. 007-15](#) – In the matter of the Notice of Agency Action by the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining seeking an order: (1) Authorizing the Division to seek penalties against SPENCER K. BARTON in a civil proceeding; (2) Forfeiting the reclamation bond provided by Spencer K. Barton for the Academy #1 Well; and (3) Authorizing the Division to use the amount forfeited to plug and reclaim the well secured by this surety which is located in Emery County, Utah, Township 20S Range 7E, Section 15.

(This matter was continued from the December 11, 2019, Board Meeting.)

5. [Docket No. 2019-027 Cause No. 194-03](#) – In the matter of the Request for Agency Action of WESCO OPERATING, INC. for orders authorizing the flaring of gas from the Blue Hills Gas Plant located in the SW¹/₄SE¹/₄ of Section 20, Township 23 South, Range 19 East, SLM, Grand County, Utah.

(This matter was continued from the December 11, 2019, Board Meeting.)

6. [Docket No. 2017-013-A Cause No. RO&G-2017-01-A](#) – In the matter of **Formal Rulemaking** associated with the 2017 and 2018 legislative amendments concerning forced pooling.

(The BOGM will briefly discuss the status of the formal rulemaking regarding compulsory pooling and procedures moving forward.)

7. [Docket No. 2017-013 Cause No RO&G-2017-01](#) – In the matter of **Informal Rulemaking** associated with the 2017 and 2018 legislative amendments concerning forced pooling and the need to initiate rulemaking on other emerging matters, including but not limited to, rulemaking on operatorship designation.

(The BOGM will discuss the status of any proposed new rules for compulsory pooling and will discuss the status of rulemaking on operatorship and horizontal drilling. The BOGM will also discuss legislation and future rulemaking pertaining to enforcement and consolidation of regulatory authority pertaining to the Division and BOGM issuing fines and penalties.)