

Currently administrative jurisdiction over “produced water” is split between EMNRD and OSE. The study should include possible revisions to NMSA 1978, Sections 72-12-1, 72-12-25 to 72-12-28 and 70-2-12(B) to resolve responsibility for regulating the produced water.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. How much contamination exists in produced water from oil and gas operations ?
2. Is the produced water treatable at reasonable cost ?
3. How much water could be returned to useable condition ?

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