

Performance Report Card
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
Third Quarter, Fiscal Year 2013

Performance Overview: The Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD) is on track to meet most of its performance measures in FY13 despite challenges such as recent severe fire seasons, continued worsening of drought conditions and increased production of oil and gas – a critical source of employment and income for New Mexico.

Healthy Forests Program		Budget: \$14,960.9	FTE: 68	FY11 Actual	FY12 Actual	FY13 Target	Q1	Q2	Q3	Rating
1	Number of nonfederal wild land firefighters provided professional and technical incident command system training*			839	1,474	600	97	81	1,094	G
2	Number of acres treated in New Mexico's forest and watersheds*			19,788	11,971	8,000	2,468	6,191	2,103	G
3	Number of at-risk communities or local fire departments provided funding for wildland firefighting equipment or training*			n/a	n/a	60	13	12	40	G
Program Rating				G	G					G
Comments: State Forestry is on track to perform well in all of its measures. In the first nine months of FY13, 2,926 acres of state jurisdiction land in New Mexico burned due to wildfires. The assistance provided to at-risk communities and fire departments increased for the third quarter. Funding requests from at-risk communities also increases in the late spring and early summer months.										
State Parks Program		Budget: \$31,068.3	FTE: 285	FY11 Actual	FY12 Actual	FY13 Target	Q1	Q2	Q3	Rating
4	Number of visitors to state parks*			4,600,000	4,101,098	4,000,000	1,610,371	499,680	402,786	Y
5	Self-generated revenue per visitor, in dollars*			\$0.99	\$1.05	\$0.87	\$0.86	\$0.91	\$1.06	G
6	Number of interpretive programs available to park visitors			3,959	3,962	2,800	716	517	403	Y
7	Miles added to state parks trails and the Rio Grande trail			n/a	31.11	10	Reported Annually			-
8	Number of persons that complete a certified New Mexico boating safety education course			900	625	1,000	267	61	79	R
Program Rating				G	G					Y
Comments: While state park visitation appears to be on pace to meet the annual target, state park attendance fluctuates seasonally with the majority of visitations and programming at state parks occurring during the first and fourth quarters. The program is launching a new marketing campaign centered on adventures in parks, which the agency reports will increase both visitation and programming. Declining revenues and fund balances as well as a vacancy rate of 41.4 percent in the third quarter present challenges in FY13. The program should look for new ways to generate revenue and simultaneously realign park operations, as other states proposed, to reduce administrative functions and apply remaining resources to core activities. The division is facing further challenges related to inclement weather including drought, high fuel prices, low water levels and lake closures throughout the state, which have discouraged recreational boating and resulted in fewer boaters interested in completing the boating safety course. In FY13, the program should continue efforts to market the opportunity to take this free course, including on-line opportunities.										
Mine Reclamation Program		Budget: \$8,137.7	FTE: 32	FY11 Actual	FY12 Actual	FY13 Target	Q1	Q2	Q3	Rating
9	Percent of permitted mines with approved reclamation plans and adequate financial assurance posted to cover the cost of reclamation*			99%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	G
10	Percent of required inspections conducted per year to ensure mining is being conducted in compliance with approved permits and regulations			100%	100%	100%	Reported Annually			G
Program Rating				G	G					G
Comments: The program reports all permitted mines have financial assurance to cover the cost of reclamation and the number of permitted mines and exploration projects with financial assurance increased from 82 to 85 in the third quarter. The										

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program reports renewed interest in exploration for uranium, gold, copper, rare earth metals, and other hard rock minerals increased workload which could strain the program's ability to perform its permitting and inspection responsibilities.

Oil and Gas Conservation Program		Budget: \$9,607.7	FTE: 61	FY11 Actual	FY12 Actual	FY13 Target	Q1	Q2	Q3	Rating
11	Number of inspections of oil and gas wells and associated facilities*			29,352	35,147	23,500	8,516	8,850	8,663	G
12	Percent of renewal of uncontested discharge permits within thirty days of expiration*			n/a	0%	75%	n/a	n/a	n/a	Y
13	Number of abandoned oil and gas wells properly plugged using Reclamation Fund monies*			n/a	n/a	25	0	3	20	G
Program Rating				G	G					Y

Comments: The Oil and Gas Conservation Division (OCD) exceeded the FY13 target in the third quarter for the number of inspections of oil and gas wells and associated facilities, despite the continued heavy workload for inspectors and a vacancy rate of 21.3 percent. The EMNRD reports New Mexico oil and gas production up 18% in 2012 compared with production in 2011. High exploration, drilling, and production activity in New Mexico demonstrate the need to enhance the level of service. Well plugging activity increased in the third quarter with 20 wells plugged. The OCD is projecting \$1.6 million in expenditures for well plugging in FY13 compared with \$1.2 million in FY12. The agency revised the discharge permitting program in FY12 which reduced the number of instances in which discharge permits would be applicable or necessary. Going forward, the OCD will only issue new and renew discharge permits required under the Water Quality Control Commission regulations for processes that intentionally discharge or allow the discharge of a water contaminant so that it may move directly or indirectly into ground water.

Suggested Performance Measure Improvement

The Oil Conservation Division should consider including the following measures: percent of application to drill permits approved within 10 business days of receipt.

* Denotes House Bill 2 measure