



**Rio Arriba County
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Questionnaire

OIL AND GAS

Please check off your answers to the questions below, or provide other information as requested, and hand it in before the end of the meeting

1. Is a half-mile (2,640 feet) setback between an oil well and a house, stream, river, arroyo, farm, or pasture

sufficient____ insufficient____ too much____ depends on the terrain____

If insufficient (or too much), what distance would you recommend? _____

2. Is a quarter-mile (1,320 feet) setback between an oil well and a pond

sufficient?____ insufficient?____ too much?____ depends on the terrain____

If insufficient (or too much), what distance would you recommend? _____

3. Is a 1.25-mile (6,600 feet) setback between an oil well and a community or private water well,

sufficient____ insufficient____ too much____ depends on the subsurface geology____

If insufficient (or too much), what distance would you recommend? _____

4. Do you believe that oil and gas drilling will hurt Cebolla's landscape, residents, or natural resources (such as water, wildlife, grazing-lands and crop-lands)?

Yes____ No____ Mixed____

5. Based on your understanding of Hydraulic Fracturing (commonly known as “Fracking”), do you believe it is a method of oil and gas extraction that you would want to have happen in Cebolla?

Yes _____ No _____ Not sure _____

6. Since large amounts of water are required to drill for oil and gas, would you be willing and able to sell water from Cebolla’s Mutual Domestic, an acequia, or from your own private water well to an oil drilling company?

Yes _____ No _____

7. Would you prefer that the roads used by oil companies to access their well-sites be paved?

Yes _____ No _____

8. Do you believe it is acceptable for oil companies to inject chemicals into the ground or into their oil wells?

Yes _____ No _____ It depends on the circumstances _____

9. If an accidental spill or other contamination-event happens, do you believe that the oil company should be allowed to continue drilling, or do you think they should have their permission to drill immediately and permanently revoked?

May continue to drill _____ May not continue to drill _____

10. Which of the following would you prefer to see as the power source at oil well sites?

new overhead or underground electric lines _____

that the oil company use its own oil to generate power on-site _____

renewable energy sources such as solar-power panels at the well-site _____

11. Do you think that local residents would be able and willing to obtain jobs working for a drilling company?

Yes _____ No _____ Not sure _____

12. If employees for a drilling company came to work in Cebolla for a year or more from outside the immediate commuting region, do you think this would benefit or hurt Cebolla?

Benefit_____ Hurt_____ Mixed_____ Not sure_____

13. Do you think that increased vehicle traffic due to oil drilling would cause problems for Cebolla?

Yes_____ No_____ Mixed_____ Not sure_____

14. Currently, the amount of insurance (for damages) that oil companies are required to obtain is one million dollars. Do you think this is sufficient?

Yes_____ No_____ If "no" how much do you think it should be? _____

15. For fencing around an oil-well site, would you prefer that it be transparent or non-transparent?

Transparent (such as a chain-link fence)_____

Non-transparent (such as stockade fence)_____

16. Do you think oil well sites should be permitted in open field areas or should they be limited to wooded areas where they can be screened visually by trees?

Open areas are okay_____ In wooded areas only_____

17. Do you think oil companies should be allowed to build new roads to access their well sites or should they be limited only to improving existing passable roads?

New roads are okay_____ New roads are not okay_____

18. Would you prefer that oil well sites be located relatively close to existing roads (assuming the well site can be visually screened as much as possible), or that well sites be located far back from existing roads (even if a longer road might result in a larger negative impact on the natural environment)?

Near the road_____ Far back from the road_____

19. Related to the previous question, number 18 above, what do you think is an appropriate distance range (in feet) between an oil well site and a road?

0 to 200_____ 200 to 500_____ 500 to 1000_____ 1000 to 2000_____ 2000 to 5000_____

20. Do you believe that oil and gas drilling would be economically beneficial to the Cebolla area?

Yes_____ No_____ Mixed_____

If “yes” please list or explain the ways you think it will be beneficial: