


Orphaned Well Site Plugging, Remediation, and Restoration
Section 40601 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act
Notice of Intent to Apply for Formula Grant Funding

Applicant Data

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Submission Date:		December 27, 2021	

Required Factors

Job Losses

Please provide job losses in the oil and gas industry in the state during the period beginning on March 1, 2020, and ending on November 15, 2021.¹

Number of jobs lost in the oil and gas industry from the period beginning March 1, 2020 and ending November 15, 2021:	6,797
Percent change in number of oil and gas industry jobs for the period beginning March 1, 2020 and ending November 15, 2021:	-36.6%
Data Source:	Job Service North Dakota CES and QCEW programs

Documented Orphaned Wells and Projected Costs (State or Private Land)

Please provide the number of documented orphaned wells located in the state on state or private land,² along with the associated projected costs, exclusive of administrative costs,³ to plug, reclaim, or decommission those wells and adjacent land. Please use the well count number reported in Table 13 of the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission's report on idle and orphaned wells.

Number of documented orphaned wells (state or private land):	186
Projected cost to plug or reclaim these orphaned wells, reclaim adjacent land, or decommission or remove associated pipelines, facilities, and infrastructure:	\$38,758,000

¹ Your state's Labor Market Information contact may be able to assist with obtaining this data. A state contact list is here: <https://www.bls.gov/bls/ofolist.htm>. Two data sources can provide this data, with limitations associated with each source. The Current Employment Statistics (CES) Program provides monthly estimates of employment by industry using a model based on sample data. The Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages (QCEW) is a compilation of actual quarterly contribution reports from employers, and provides more accurate and detailed data, with a delay of approximately five months. Please provide Subsector or Industry level data for Oil and Gas Extraction (<https://www.bls.gov/iag/tgs/iag211.htm>, NAICS 211) and Oil and Gas Subsector data for Supporting Activities for Mining (<https://www.bls.gov/iag/tgs/iag213.htm>, NAICS 213) recognizing that the most recent data may be preliminary.

² On state or private land, the term "orphaned well" has the meaning given the term by the state. If the state uses different terminology, the term has the meaning given another term used by the state to describe a well eligible for plugging, remediation, and reclamation by the state. A documented orphaned well is an orphaned well for which the state has a drilling report, completion report, inspection report, or other record establishing the well exists.

³ Once the formula is established, personnel and other associated program administration costs will be included in the application as a separate responsive item that details the amount of funds to be spent on administrative costs, not to exceed 10 percent of the total funds awarded.