

Orphaned¹ Well "Oil and Gas Reclamation Fund (#3322)" Activity

Data from 2003 through 2010 from DEP annual reports. Data from 2010 through 2014 from reports made by DEP pursuant to W.Va. Code 22-6-29(b).

Number of wells plugged with State and Federal money came from FOIA request.

Fiscal Year	Beginning \$	Bond Forfeitures Proceeds ²	Permit Fees	TOTAL Revenue	Personal Services	Benefits	"Unclassified" (Plugging contracts?)	TOTAL Expenditures	Number of Wells Plugged with STATE Money ³	Ending \$	Number of OIL Wells Plugged with FEDERAL Money from Other Funds	Total Wells Plugged
2003-2004	\$94,066.32		\$204,100.00	\$298,166.32	\$878.66	\$390.06	\$118,410.31	\$119,679.03	4	\$178,487.29		?
2004-2005	\$178,487.00		\$213,500.00	\$391,987.00	\$3,146.00	\$888.00	\$182,742.00	\$186,776.00	5	\$205,211.00		?
2005-2006	\$205,211.00	\$5,000.00	\$394,850.00	\$399,850.00	\$54,369.00	\$19,014.00	\$181,275.00	\$254,658.00	5	\$350,403.00		?
2006-2007	\$350,404.00	\$20,000.00	\$416,500.00	\$436,500.00	\$32,528.00	\$11,002.00	\$263,719.00	\$307,249.00	5	\$479,655.00		?
2007-2008	\$479,654.00		\$523,250.00	\$523,250.00	\$64,077.00	\$21,010.00	\$220,081.00	\$305,168.00	5	\$697,736.00		?
2008-2009	\$697,735.00		\$45,070.00	\$345,070.00	\$71,607.00	\$22,155.00	\$503,057.00	\$596,819.00	9	\$445,986.00		?
2009-2010	\$445,986.00	\$50,000.00	\$209,250.00	\$259,282.00	\$67,017.00	\$20,170.00	\$459,266.00	\$546,453.00	12	\$158,815.00	8	20
2010-2011	\$158,815.00	\$50,000.00	\$184,500.00	\$234,500.00	\$51,295.00	\$15,834.00	\$86,457.00	\$153,586.00	4+ ⁴	\$239,729.00	21	25
2011-2012	\$239,729.00		\$130,650.00	\$130,676.00	\$43,098.00	\$17,590.00	\$159,240.00	\$219,928.00	1	\$150,477.00	7	8
2012-2013	\$150,477.00	\$5,000.00	\$141,400.00	\$146,400.00	\$32,917.00	\$17,852.00		\$50,769.00	1	\$246,108.00	8	9
2013-2014	\$246,108.00		\$141,250.00	\$141,250.00	\$3,433.00	\$6,924.00	\$116,212.00	\$126,570.00	2+ ⁴	\$260,788.00	6	10

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1. Confusingly, the statutes and rules use the term "abandoned well" for a well that has not been produced for one year and does not have a "bona fide future use". However, some "abandoned wells" still have a "responsible operator" with a bond on the well and so those wells are not really "abandoned" in the normal sense of the word. Other wells no longer have a responsible operator with a bond on the well. This chart uses the term "orphaned wells" for wells that no longer have a bonded responsible operator.

2. Bond amounts are \$5000 for single well bonds (uncommon) and \$50,000 for blanket bonds (common practice). **This data shows that very few bonds have been forfeited by the DEP despite all of the unplugged wells and well with other problems!** Probably only six \$5000 bonds and two \$50,000 bonds between 2004 and 2014!

3. Presumably the salaries of state inspector overseeing plugging program.

4. "+" means some work other than actual well plugging was done with the money.