



For more than 120 years, Oklahoma's oil and natural gas industry has helped meet America's energy demand – generating millions of dollars for our state's economy and providing a good income for thousands of Oklahoma families.

Since 1897, oil and natural gas production has been an important part of our state's history, economy and development.

THE OERB MISSION

In 1993, leaders representing Oklahoma's petroleum producers and royalty owners, working with the Oklahoma State Legislature, formed the Oklahoma Energy Resources Board (OERB).

The OERB is funded through a voluntary one-tenth of 1 percent assessment on the sale of oil and natural gas in Oklahoma. Its primary mission is to restore orphaned and abandoned oil and natural gas production and exploration sites. In the early and mid 1900s, well before today's regulations and the environmental forethought of today's producers, many wells were left abandoned across the state.

20 YEARS OF RESTORING OKLAHOMA LAND

Since 1994, the industry through the OERB has voluntarily spent nearly \$100 million restoring more than 14,800 orphaned and abandoned well sites across the state – at absolutely no cost to landowners.



15,000 WELL SITES RESTORED

The OERB has restored sites in 70 of 77 Oklahoma counties, cleaning an average of two – three sites each day. The OERB estimates that there are still thousands of sites scattered around the state that haven't been discovered or reported yet.

The four-step restoration process follows environmental standards to meet unique restoration needs. All restoration contractors offer both environmental and petroleum expertise. When a landowner notices a potential abandoned well site on their property, they can submit the site for cleanup. Common restoration projects include:

- Removing equipment, trash and debris.
- Removing or burying concrete.
- Repairing erosion and saltwater "scars" left on the land.
- Removing and treating hydrocarbons.
- Removing location pads and lease roads.
- Closing pits.

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Explore how OERB protects and restores land and/or register a well site: www.OERB.com/restoration