

From: [John Adams \(DNR\)](#)
To: [Jonathan Rice](#)
Subject: RE: DNR February Potpourri
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Jonathan, please add to appropriate docket comments.

John Adams

From: C. Ellis Brown <ellis@bayoustateoil.com>
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Mr. Adams,

I need to say that the SOA [Schedule of Abandonment] program has been appreciated by our company.

Ms. Wiebelt and Mr. Raley [Shreveport Office] have been very helpful throughout the process. The SOA has allowed us to direct the funds we were spending on inactive well assessment fees toward plugging wells on a yearly budgeted schedule.

I would hate to see this opportunity go away in the future.

Since our SOA on 4-13-2021, we have plugged 64 wells at a cost of \$166,000. 57 of the wells were on our SOA.

Conversely our Inactive Well Assessment Fees for 2016-17-18-19-20 totaled \$68,250.

Utilizing the SOA the Inactive Well Assessment Fees for 2021-22 totaled \$1,250.

We were able to direct the savings into plugging costs.

In summary, we would be opposed to the new rule if no new SOA's or extensions/renewals of existing SOA's were allowed.

I hope my comments are helpful.

Ellis Brown
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