

Portfolio liability report

SAMPLE

Prepared for: example operator (illustrative) | 40 New Mexico wells chosen from public Interior records | Data through 2026-06-30 | October 2026 | Methodology version 1.1

Summary

Total estimated plugging liability

\$5,306,940

Range \$3,012,834 to \$11,907,150

40 of 40 wells estimated (0 high confidence, 40 moderate confidence); 0 could not be estimated and are listed separately; they are not in the total.

How to read the total. The total is the sum of each well's median: the median reported cost of comparable publicly funded plugging jobs. The range sums each well's 10th to 90th percentile, which assumes every well comes in low, or every well high; it is an outer range, and for a large list the likely range is narrower. Plugging costs skew high, so the expected total can sit above the sum of medians.

Estimate per well

#	Well	County	Type	Estimate	Low	High	Confidence	Based on
1	Well 01	Chaves	Oil well	\$125,064	\$77,116	\$242,512	Moderate	county and well type, 106 wells
2	Well 02	Chaves	Oil well	\$125,064	\$77,116	\$242,512	Moderate	county and well type, 106 wells
3	Well 03	Chaves	Oil well	\$125,064	\$77,116	\$242,512	Moderate	county and well type, 106 wells
4	Well 04	Eddy	Oil well	\$140,684	\$75,103	\$323,520	Moderate	well type, 167 wells
5	Well 05	Chaves	Injection or disposal well	\$116,054	\$75,534	\$232,253	Moderate	county, 137 wells
6	Well 06	San Juan	Oil well	\$140,684	\$75,103	\$323,520	Moderate	well type, 167 wells
7	Well 07	Lea	Gas well	\$132,792	\$74,508	\$323,520	Moderate	state, 217 wells
8	Well 08	Chaves	Oil well	\$125,064	\$77,116	\$242,512	Moderate	county and well type, 106 wells
9	Well 09	Eddy	Oil well	\$140,684	\$75,103	\$323,520	Moderate	well type, 167 wells
10	Well 10	San Juan	Injection or disposal well	\$132,792	\$74,508	\$323,520	Moderate	state, 217 wells
11	Well 11	Chaves	Oil well	\$125,064	\$77,116	\$242,512	Moderate	county and well type, 106 wells
12	Well 12	Lea	Gas well	\$132,792	\$74,508	\$323,520	Moderate	state, 217 wells
13	Well 13	Chaves	Oil well	\$125,064	\$77,116	\$242,512	Moderate	county and well type, 106 wells
14	Well 14	Lea	Oil well	\$140,684	\$75,103	\$323,520	Moderate	well type, 167 wells
15	Well 15	Chaves	Injection or disposal well	\$116,054	\$75,534	\$232,253	Moderate	county, 137 wells
16	Well 16	Eddy	Oil well	\$140,684	\$75,103	\$323,520	Moderate	well type, 167 wells
17	Well 17	Lea	Oil well	\$140,684	\$75,103	\$323,520	Moderate	well type, 167 wells
18	Well 18	Chaves	Injection or disposal well	\$116,054	\$75,534	\$232,253	Moderate	county, 137 wells
19	Well 19	Lea	Oil well	\$140,684	\$75,103	\$323,520	Moderate	well type, 167 wells
20	Well 20	Chaves	Injection or disposal well	\$116,054	\$75,534	\$232,253	Moderate	county, 137 wells

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21	Well 21	Chaves	Injection or disposal well	\$116,054	\$75,534	\$232,253	Moderate	county, 137 wells
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23	Well 23	Lea	Oil well	\$140,684	\$75,103	\$323,520	Moderate	well type, 167 wells
24	Well 24	Lea	Gas well	\$132,792	\$74,508	\$323,520	Moderate	state, 217 wells
25	Well 25	Eddy	Oil well	\$140,684	\$75,103	\$323,520	Moderate	well type, 167 wells
26	Well 26	Lea	Oil well	\$140,684	\$75,103	\$323,520	Moderate	well type, 167 wells
27	Well 27	San Juan	Oil well	\$140,684	\$75,103	\$323,520	Moderate	well type, 167 wells
28	Well 28	Eddy	Oil well	\$140,684	\$75,103	\$323,520	Moderate	well type, 167 wells
29	Well 29	Eddy	Injection or disposal well	\$132,792	\$74,508	\$323,520	Moderate	state, 217 wells
30	Well 30	Lea	Gas well	\$132,792	\$74,508	\$323,520	Moderate	state, 217 wells
31	Well 31	Eddy	Gas well	\$132,792	\$74,508	\$323,520	Moderate	state, 217 wells
32	Well 32	Eddy	Injection or disposal well	\$132,792	\$74,508	\$323,520	Moderate	state, 217 wells
33	Well 33	San Juan	Oil well	\$140,684	\$75,103	\$323,520	Moderate	well type, 167 wells
34	Well 34	Eddy	Oil well	\$140,684	\$75,103	\$323,520	Moderate	well type, 167 wells
35	Well 35	San Juan	Oil well	\$140,684	\$75,103	\$323,520	Moderate	well type, 167 wells
36	Well 36	San Juan	Oil well	\$140,684	\$75,103	\$323,520	Moderate	well type, 167 wells
37	Well 37	Chaves	Injection or disposal well	\$116,054	\$75,534	\$232,253	Moderate	county, 137 wells
38	Well 38	San Juan	Oil well	\$140,684	\$75,103	\$323,520	Moderate	well type, 167 wells
39	Well 39	Lea	Injection or disposal well	\$132,792	\$74,508	\$323,520	Moderate	state, 217 wells
40	Well 40	Lea	Injection or disposal well	\$132,792	\$74,508	\$323,520	Moderate	state, 217 wells

Sources, method and limits

- **Sources.** Costs reported to the US Department of the Interior Orphaned Wells Program Office for wells plugged with public money (federal public-domain data), cleaned and tested by Plugging Index. Method: pluggingindex.com/about/#methodology.
- **Confidence.** High: typically within 25% on wells left out of the calculation; moderate: typically within 40%. These are results of testing on past records, not a guarantee for any single well.
- **Not a quote.** These are reported costs of comparable wells, not a bid, engineering estimate, appraisal or professional advice.
- **Orphan wells only.** The records are mostly old, shallow, vertical wells plugged under public contracts. Deep, horizontal and offshore wells are not described.
- **Inputs.** Wells are matched on state, county, well type and depth as supplied. Condition, age, access and regulatory requirements are not used.
- **Withheld figures.** A well is left out, with the reason, when no group of comparable wells passes testing. No figure is filled in for it.
- **This sample.** The wells are real records from the public layer, numbered; API numbers and names are withheld. The "client" is fictional. A real report carries your own well identifiers.

Coverage

Nine states have a graded statewide estimate (CO, IL, IN, KY, LA, ND, NE, NM, WY). Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas are not covered statewide; some county estimates exist.