

Energy Resources Board, Oklahoma (52 O.S. § 288.3)

(Formerly Oklahoma Independent Energy Resources Board)

Agency Code 359 (IA)

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Mission Statement To educate Oklahomans about the importance of petroleum (oil and natural gas) in their lives through traditional and non-traditional school curriculum, advertising, and public relations; to environmentally restore abandoned well sites to productive land use; to promote environmentally sound production methods and technologies; and to research and provide educational activities concerning the petroleum exploration and production industry.

Administration Mindy Stitt, Executive Director

History and Function Created by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1993, the OERB is a privatized state agency funded through a voluntary one-tenth of one percent assessment on oil and natural gas, also known as the “Oklahoma Oil Check-Off.” The assessment, paid for by oil and natural gas companies and royalty owners, is refundable annually between January 1 and March 31 for any contributor who does not wish to participate in the program.

OERB provides hands-on energy-related curricula for grades K-12. The OERB created “Little Bits” and “Fossils to Fuel” and “Fossils to Fuel 2” for elementary students, “Petro Active” for middle school students, and “Core Energy” for high school students. Other student education programs include “Petroleum Professionals in the Classroom” (Petro Pros), in which industry volunteers give energy presentations in classrooms across the state, and a petroleum scholar program for students pursuing careers in the oil and natural gas industry. The agency produces television and newspaper advertisements, and maintains a public relations campaign to help Oklahomans better understand the petroleum industry. The OERB has restored more than 10,000 abandoned and orphaned oil and natural gas exploration and production sites to productive use since 1994. Re-created to continue until July 1, 2013 (Laws 2001, c. 138).

Energy Resources Board Advisory Committee, Oklahoma

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