

**Santa Fe Galisteo Basin
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FINAL
N=400 Registered Voters in Santa Fe County**

Hello, my name is *(YOUR NAME)* from Research & Polling, Inc. We are conducting an important survey about issues in your area. I assure you I am not selling anything. Your phone number was selected at random, and we would greatly appreciate a few minutes of your time.

1. What do you believe are the biggest issues or problems facing Santa Fe County today? (DO NOT READ CATEGORIES) (TAKE UP TO 3 RESPONSES)

(Top 10 Unaided Responses)

- 32% Water Shortage/supply
- 9% Cost of housing is high/unreasonable
- 8% Growing too big/too fast
- 8% Educational system is poor
- 7% Oil/gas drilling Galisteo Basin
- 7% Roads/streets/highways are bad
- 6% Land development out of control
- 6% Crime
- 5% Cost of living is high/unreasonable
- 9% Don't know/won't say

2. Do you think things in Santa Fe County are generally headed in the right direction or are things off on the wrong track?

- 47% Headed in right direction
- 31% Off on wrong track
- 21% Don't know/won't say

I would like to read you list of different organizations and ask you to rate your overall opinion of each using a 5-point scale where 5 is *very favorable* and 1 is *very unfavorable*. The first is.

(RANDOMIZE)

	<i>Very Favorable</i>				<i>Very Unfavorable</i>	<i>Don't Know/ Won't Say</i>
	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>
3. Oil and gas industry	5%	6%	18%	20%	45%	6%
4. Developers	5%	8%	27%	30%	25%	6%
5. Electric and gas utilities	4%	15%	39%	21%	19%	2%
6. Environmentalists	21%	24%	26%	13%	11%	5%
7. Santa Fe County government officials	6%	14%	40%	21%	10%	9%

8. Which of the following statements do you most agree with? (READ AND ROTATE STATEMENTS 1 AND 2)

- 61% Protecting the environment should be given priority, even at the risk of limiting the amount of energy supplies such as oil, natural gas and coal the United States produces.
- OR
- 29% Development of U.S. energy supplies such as oil, natural gas and coal should be given priority, even if it means there is a small risk to the environment.
- 4% Neither (*volunteered*)
- 4% Both (*volunteered*)
- 3% Don't know/won't say (*DO NOT READ*)

Now I would like to read you a list of different methods of drilling for oil and natural gas. Please tell me if you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of each method. If you have not heard of any of the methods I mention please let me know. Do you have a *favorable* or *unfavorable* opinion of... (Is that *somewhat* or *very* favorable/unfavorable)

	<u>Very Favorable</u>	<u>Somewhat Favorable</u>	<u>Somewhat Unfavorable</u>	<u>Very Unfavorable</u>	<u>Don't Know/ Never Heard Of</u>
9. Off-shore drilling	15%.....	22%.....	21%.....	22%.....	19%
10. Directional drilling	8%.....	16%.....	6%.....	11%.....	59%
11. Horizontal drilling	8%.....	10%.....	7%.....	15%.....	60%
12. Hydraulic fracturing	4%.....	9%.....	5%.....	22%.....	60%

13. Overall, how familiar are you with the issues surrounding oil and natural gas drilling at Galisteo Basin in Santa Fe County. Would you say you are *very familiar*, *somewhat familiar*, *not very familiar*, or *not familiar at all*?

- 12% Very familiar
- 49% Somewhat familiar
- 22% Not very familiar
- 17% Not familiar at all
- * Don't know/won't say

(* Less than 1%)

14. As you may know, there have been discussions about drilling for oil and natural gas at Galisteo Basin in Santa Fe County. Do you generally favor or oppose allowing oil and gas drilling in the Galisteo Basin? Is that *strongly* or *somewhat*?

- 9% Strongly favor
- 18% Somewhat favor
- 16% Somewhat oppose
- 45% Strongly oppose
- 4% Depends (*volunteered*)
- 9% Don't know/won't say

15. Why do you feel this way? (DO NOT READ CATEGORIES) (TAKE UP TO 3 RESPONSES)

(Top 9 Unaided Responses)

- 30% Bad for environment
- 13% Need to focus on alternative sources
- 12% Ground water contamination
- 11% Will destroy scenery
- 11% Need domestic supplies/too reliant on foreign oil
- 9% Need oil/gas
- 6% Need more information
- 4% Prices too high

- 9% Don't know/won't say

I would like to read you various statements about oil and gas drilling and for each one ask to rate how strongly you either agree or disagree using a 5-point scale where 5 is *strongly agree* and 1 is *strongly disagree*. The first one is...

(RANDOMIZE)

	<u>Strongly</u> <u>Agree</u> <u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Strongly</u> <u>Disagree</u> <u>1</u>	<u>Don't Know/ Won't Say</u> <u>6</u>
16. Oil and gas drilling in Santa Fe County would do serious harm to the environment	41%	15%	18%	8%	14%	5%
17. The regulations on oil and natural gas drilling are much more effective today than they ever have been	14%	16%	21%	12%	14%	23%
18. Oil and natural gas can be drilled in a safe and environmentally responsible manner	21%	17%	23%	15%	14%	10%
19. I have a good understanding of the laws regarding mineral rights in New Mexico	10%	11%	16%	17%	39%	8%
20. I trust oil and gas companies when they say they will use "green" (environmentally safe) methods to drill for oil and gas in the Galisteo Basin	6%	9%	17%	20%	44%	4%
21. The County of Santa Fe and the State of New Mexico have placed a moratorium (a temporary halt) on oil and natural gas drilling in Santa County until they know that regulations are in place to ensure that oil companies use environmentally sound methods of drilling. Do you support or oppose the temporary halt on oil and natural gas drilling in Santa Fe County by the State of New Mexico and the county? Is that <i>strongly</i> or <i>somewhat</i>??						
60% Strongly support						
23% Somewhat support						
5% Somewhat oppose						
7% Strongly oppose						
1% Depends (<i>volunteered</i>)						
3% Don't know/won't say						

22. If an ordinance was passed that ensured oil and gas drilling in Santa Fe County is environmentally sound would you support or oppose the rights of mineral rights owners in Santa Fe County to lease their property for oil and gas drilling? Is that *strongly* or *somewhat*?

- 25% Strongly support
- 26% Somewhat support
- 13% Somewhat oppose
- 24% Strongly oppose
- 4% Depends(*volunteered*)
- 9% Don't know/won't say

23. If drilling was not allowed in Galisteo Basin, do you believe the County and State government should compensate the owners of mineral rights in the area for their loss of potential income they would have gained by leasing their property to oil companies?

- 30% Yes
- 58% No
- 12% Don't know/won't say

The following are some of the reasons given by those who FAVOR oil and natural gas drilling in Santa Fe County. For each one, please tell me if you find the statement to be *very convincing*, *somewhat convincing*, *not very convincing*, or *not at all convincing* as a reason to allow oil and natural gas drilling in Santa Fe County. The first one is..

(RANDOMIZE)

Very Convincing *Somewhat Convincing* *Not Very Convincing* *Not At All Convincing* *Don't Know/ Won't Say*

- 24. Oil and natural gas drilling in Santa Fe County will help America reduce its dependence on foreign oil 16%.....22% 24%.....36% 2%
- 25. Modern oil companies use the best available pollution control technology in the drilling process to protect the air, water, and land 11%.....21% 26%.....30% 12%
- 26. Oil and Natural Gas drilling practices have improved greatly over the past 30 years making drilling safer for workers, the community, and less harmful to the environment..... 16%.....29% 21%.....20% 14%
- 27. Oil and Natural Gas Drilling in Santa Fe County will result in millions of dollars in additional tax revenues annually, which can be spent on things such as education, health care and building roads 24%.....28% 21%.....21% 6%

	<u>Very Convincing</u>	<u>Somewhat Convincing</u>	<u>Not Very Convincing</u>	<u>Not At All Convincing</u>	<u>Don't Know/ Won't Say</u>
28. Mineral rights owners in Santa Fe County should be able to lease their lands if the drilling is environmentally safe	29%	29%	15%	22%	5%
29. New Mexico state agencies that regulate oil and natural gas drilling already have safeguards built in to protect the environment, water supplies and communities from oil and natural gas drilling	10%	24%	23%	31%	13%
30. Before any drilling takes place, archeological surveys have to be completed to ensure no significant sites are damaged or destroyed	41%	28%	13%	11%	6%

The following are some of the reasons given by those who are **OPPOSED** to oil and natural gas drilling in Santa Fe County. For each one, please tell me if you find the statement to be *very convincing*, *somewhat convincing*, *not very convincing*, or *not at all convincing* as a reason to **oppose** oil and natural gas drilling in Santa Fe County. The first one is

(RANDOMIZE)

	<u>Very Convincing</u>	<u>Somewhat Convincing</u>	<u>Not Very Convincing</u>	<u>Not At All Convincing</u>	<u>Don't Know/ Won't Say</u>
31. If oil and natural gas drilling is allowed in Santa Fe County, no one will want to buy property in the county anymore	16%	27%	23%	31%	3%
32. Drilling for oil and natural gas in Santa Fe County will create an environmental mess	37%	25%	19%	17%	3%
33. Drilling for oil and natural gas in Santa Fe County will create a boom town sending property prices skyward	15%	21%	30%	31%	3%
34. The proposed drilling would take place on land that contains archaeological treasures	30%	30%	15%	14%	12%
35. Oil and gas drilling will seriously threaten underground water supplies in the area and is not worth the risk	54%	20%	9%	11%	5%
36. Oil and gas development will only benefit a few mineral rights owners and the oil companies while destroying the scenic views that make this place so special	47%	25%	12%	14%	2%
37. To meet our energy needs we should be focusing on alternative sources, not drilling in new places like the Galisteo Basin	57%	18%	12%	10%	2%