New Mexico

BP’s economic investment

BPX Energy has a significant presence in New Mexico’s San Juan Basin, including around 2,600 operated and 5,100 non-operated wells.

Located primarily in New Mexico and Colorado, the San Juan Basin is North America’s leading source of coalbed methane gas. BP’s heritage companies began major development of the basin in the 1950s, with the construction of a pipeline to West Coast markets.

In 2018, BPX Energy brought online five horizontal wells in the San Juan Basin’s Mancos Shale. Horizontal wells allow companies like BP to reduce both surface disturbance and the number of production facilities needed to access a given reservoir, while also reducing the associated emissions.

Elsewhere in New Mexico, BP is a partial owner of the Blanco gas plant, which processes gas from roughly 8,000 wells in the northern part of the state.

Beyond its New Mexico business operations, BP donated $5 million to help build the BP Center for Energy Education at San Juan College in Farmington. This investment is being used to develop an advanced energy curriculum in disciplines ranging from natural gas to solar power. The goal is to help aspiring technicians and engineers launch their careers.

In America as a whole, BP contributed more than $42 million to science, technology, engineering and math education programs between 2013 and 2017 alone.

By the Numbers*

$125 million+
Capital and operating spend

775+
Total jobs supported

50+
BP employees

$36 million+
Property, production, royalties and state/local income/franchise taxes paid

$1.1 million+

Fast facts

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