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BLM New Mexico Federal Helium System





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The Helium Stewardship Act of 2013 required the Bureau of Land Management to declare a Report of Excess to the General Services Administration by September 30th, 2021.

The Federal Helium System is composed of the following system components:

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Cliffside Field is the helium reservoir in which the Federal Helium Reserve is stored. About 1.8 bcf of Crude Helium is held within the Bush Dome in Amarillo, Texas.



Federal Helium Pipeline is the system through which helium for the Federal Helium Reserve is transported. There is an estimated 423 Miles of pipeline spanning from Amarillo, Texas to Satanta, Kansas.

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Federal Helium Reserves are owned by the United States.



All Other Infrastructure that is owned, leased, or managed under contract by the Secretary for storage, transportation, withdrawal, enrichment, purification, or management of helium. (CHEU falls under this component.)

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Limited Partnership

Cliffside Helium Enrichment Unit (CHEU), on Lease from Cliffside Refiners Limited Partnership LLP, is encompassed within the “Cliffside Refining Plant.” However, the CHEU is **not** for sale with the Federal Helium System.



✓ According to the latest 2022 reports by U.S. Geological Survey **the Federal Helium System supplies 20% of the domestic supply of Helium, and 9.375% of the global supply.**

✓ Messer North America is currently operating the Cliffside Helium Enrichment Unit via a government awarded contract.

✓ S&B Services is currently operating the well field and pipeline operations via a government awarded contract.



Current Helium Storage Holder Contracts expire September 30th, 2027.



The Federal In-Kind Program related to Helium storage ceased its operations on September 30th, 2022.