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RE: Jim Pierce, State R No. 3
Letter of Violation No. 02-08-055

Dear Mr. Harvey: *REA*

I am responding to the captioned letter of violation as personal representative of the Estate of Jim Pierce, who died in September of last year. I have been working with Willie Dean as contract pumper for the various wells owned by Mr. Pierce at the time of his death and we have been spending what I consider to be significant amounts of money in order to get the wells back to a productive status. The number of wells involved and the costs associated with this effort have occasioned unavoidable delays as I try to provide necessary support for Mr. Pierce's widow during the course of the estate administration. Mr. Dean has been made aware of the situation on the State R No. 3 well and I sincerely hope that it will be brought into compliance by the deadline set out in the letter of violation. By copy of this letter, I am asking Mr. Dean to directly contact you as soon as possible so that you can be made aware of our specific efforts, which Mr. Dean knows far better than I. Should you require a response different than or in addition to this explanation, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]
Phil Brewer

PB:cp

cc: Willie Dean (w/encl)