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RE: Empire Abo "E" # 41 D-36-17-28 1 30-015-05760

Dear Sirs:

On 1-30-02 you were notified by letter that the TA status on this well had expired. An inspection of this well on 7-31-02 found the well to be in violation of Rule 201.

Rule 201 of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division provides as follows:

## **201 WELLS TO BE PROPERLY ABANDONED**

201.A. The operator of any well drilled for oil, gas or injection; for seismic, core or other exploration, or for a service well, whether cased or uncased, shall be responsible for the plugging thereof. [7-12-90...2-1-96]

201.B. A well shall be either properly plugged and abandoned or temporarily abandoned in accordance with these rules within ninety (90) days after:

- (1) A sixty (60) day period following suspension of drilling operations, or
- (2) A determination that a well is no longer usable for beneficial purposes, or
- (3) A period of one (1) year in which a well has been continuously inactive.

## **This well must be brought into compliance on or before 31 August, 2002.**

To bring the well into compliance you have 3 options:

1. Put the well into production.
2. T.A. the well.
3. P. A. the well.

**In the event that a satisfactory response is not received to this letter of direction by 31 August, 2002,** further enforcement will occur. Such enforcement may include this office applying to the Division for an order summoning you to a hearing before a Division Examiner in Santa Fe to show cause why you should not be ordered to permanently plug and abandon this well. Such a hearing may result in imposition of **CIVIL PENALTIES** for your violation of OCD rules.

Sincerely,

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Van Barton  
Field Rep. II