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Mitchell Energy Corp.
P.O. Box 4000
The Woodlands, TX 77380

Re: Properly Abandoned Wells, Mitchell Energy Corp.
Conoco 9 "A" State #1 Ut G, Sec 9-19-29

The State of New Mexico is in the process at this time of reviewing leases and determining the number of abandoned wells.

Rule 201 A. states 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.

Rule 201 B. states a well shall be either properly plugged and abandoned in accordance with these rules with 90 days after (1) a 60 day period following suspension of drilling. (2) A determination that the well is no longer usable for beneficial purposes. (3) A period of 1 year in which a well has been continuously inactive.

House Bill 65 has been passed by the legislature and provides some tax incentives for wells put back in production. However, if there are no plans to put this well back in service then it needs to be either plugged or properly temporarily abandoned.

Enclosed is a photo showing current status of the surface equipment and pad.

Please contact the Oil Conservation Division Artesia office within 30 days with a plan to bring this well into compliance with rule 201.

Yours Truly,



Ray Smith
Deputy Oil & Gas Inspector