

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR
PERMANENT ABANDONMENT OF WELLS ON FEDERAL LEASES
FARMINGTON RESOURCE AREA

1. Secure prior approval before changing the approved plugging program.
2. Plugging equipment used shall have separate mixing and displacement pumps and a calibrated tank to assure proper displacement of plugs.
3. A proper tank or pit will be used to contain all fluids pumped from the well during plugging operations.
4. All cement plugs are to be placed through tubing (or drillpipe) and shall be a minimum of 25 sacks or 100 feet in length, whichever is greater.
5. Any cement plug placed when well is not full of fluid, or when well may be taking fluid, will be tagged (touched) after cement has set to verify proper location.
6. Mud must be placed between plugs. Minimum consistency of plugging mud must be 9.2 lbs/gal. Brine is to be utilized for mixing mud where possible.
7. Within 30 days after plugging work is completed, file Subsequent Report of Abandonment, Form 3160-5, in quintuplicate with Area Manager, BLM, Caller Service 4104, Farmington, New Mexico 87499. The report should give in detail the manner in which the plugging work was carried out, the extent (by depths) of cement plugs placed, and the size and location (by depths) of casing left in the well. Show date well was plugged.
8. All permanently abandoned wells are to be marked with a regulation marker. Unless otherwise approved.
9. After plugging work is completed the surface is to be rehabilitated in accord with instructions from the Fluids Surface Management Section of the Farmington Resource Area Office.

All above are minimum requirements. The period of liability under the bond of record will not be terminated until the lease is inspected and surface work approved.

Please advise this office when the well location is ready for final inspection.

Failure to comply with the above conditions of approval may result in an assessment for noncompliance pursuant to 43 CFR 3163.1(2).

You are further advised that any instructions, orders or decisions issued by the Bureau of Land Management are subject to administrative review pursuant to 43 CFR 3165.3 and appeal pursuant to 43 CFR 3165.4 and 43 CFR 4.700.