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March 31, 2017

Petro Mex, LLC P.O. Box 6724 Farmington NM 87499

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT: 7012 0470 0000 0881 0433

Re: OCD Case No. 15684 for a Compliance Order against Petro Mex, LLC

Dear Operator:

Pursuant to the notice provisions contained in 19.15.4 NMAC, you are hereby notified that at 8:15 AM on April 27, 2017, the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("OCD") will hold a hearing in front of a Division Examiner seeking an order determining that Petro Mex LLC ("Operator") (1) is out of compliance with OCD rules 19.15.8 NMAC and NMSA 1978, § 70-2-14; (2) requiring Operator to return to compliance with 19.15.8 NMAC; and (3) in the event of non-compliance, finding the Operator in violation of a Division order for each day after the deadline established in the sought order to obtain acceptable financial assurance. The hearing will be held in Porter Hall at 1220 South St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Please review 19.15.4 NMAC to see applicable rules for division hearings. A person entitled to notice may enter an appearance at any time by filing a written notice of appearance with the division or the commission clerk, as applicable, or, subject to the provisions in Subsection C of 19.15.4.10 NMAC, by oral appearance on the record at the hearing. A party who has not entered an appearance at least one business day prior to the pre-hearing statement filing date provided in Paragraph (1) of Subsection B of 19.15.4.13 NMAC shall not be allowed to present technical evidence at the hearing unless the commission chairman or the division examiner, for good cause, otherwise directs.

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If you have any questions regarding the hearing process, please contact me at (505) 476-3463 or <u>keith herrmann@state.nm.us</u>.

Sincerely

Cc:

Keith Herrmann Attorney for the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Compliance and Enforcement Bureau

Encl: OCD Case No. 15684 Compliance and Enforcement Bureau Application for Hearing

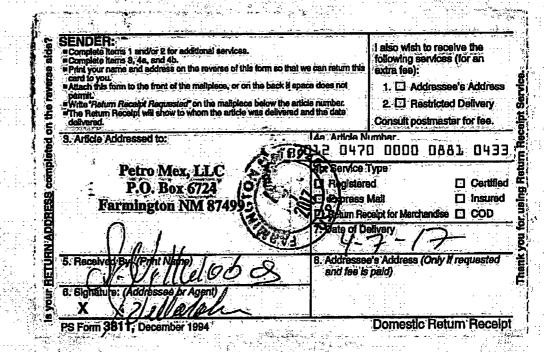
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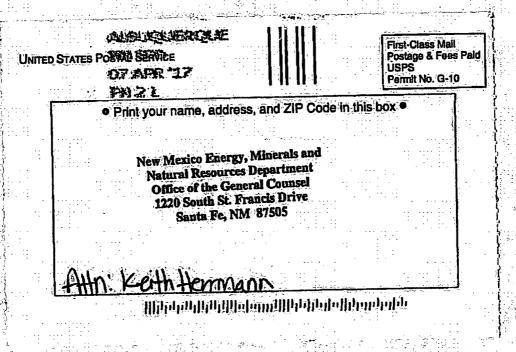
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