

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
**ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**  
**OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

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**APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT BUREAU FOR A COMPLIANCE  
ORDER AGAINST J CLEO THOMPSON, FOR A WELL OPERATED IN EDDY  
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. 15789

**APPLICATION**

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Compliance and Enforcement Bureau, ("Bureau") through its undersigned attorney, hereby files this application with the Oil Conservation Division ("OCD or Division") pursuant to the provisions of NMSA 1978, §70-2-12 for a compliance order (1) determining operator J Cleo Thompson ("Operator") is out of compliance with 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. This application deals specifically with Operator's violations of OCD rules regarding financial assurance and does not include all violations that may exist. The OCD retains its right to bring a compliance action for any other existing and future violations. In support of this application, the OCD states:

1. Operator is a New Mexico sole proprietor that operates 55 wells in Eddy, Lea, and Roosevelt counties, New Mexico, under OGRID No. 11181.
2. Operator's address of record with OCD is: 325 N. St. Paul, Suite 4300, Dallas, TX 75201.

3. NMSA 1978, § 70-2-14 requires that each person, firm, corporation, or association who operates any oil, gas, or service well within the state, as a condition precedent to drilling or producing the well, furnish financial assurance in the form of an irrevocable letter of credit or a cash or surety bond or a well-specific plugging insurance policy to the OCD running to the benefit of the state and conditioned that the well be plugged and abandoned and the location restored and remediated in compliance with OCD rules.

4. 19.15.8.9.C NMAC states that an operator shall cover a well that has been in temporary abandonment for more than two years by either a one-well financial assurance or a blanket plugging financial assurance for wells in temporarily abandoned status.

5. Operator currently is in need of acceptable financial assurance for the following well:

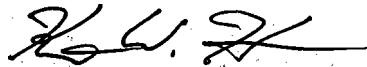
- a. Mesa Arriba #004, API No. 30-015-35062, \$11,542 required bond amount.

**WHEREFORE**, the Bureau, by and through its compliance and enforcement manager, hereby applies to the Director to enter an Order:

- A. Determining that Operator is in violation of 19.15.8 NMAC;
- B. Determining that Operator is in violation of NMSA 1978, § 70-2-14;
- C. Requiring Operator to provide the OCD with acceptable financial assurance within 30 days of the issuance of an order;

- D. In the event of non-compliance with the sought Division order by the dates established by the OCD, finding the Operator in violation of a Division order;
- E. For such other and further relief as the Director deems just and proper under the circumstances.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
this 5 day of July, 2017 by



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