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**From:** Brooks, David K., EMNRD  
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**Subject:** J. Cleo Thompson - Coachwhip #1and #2

Jim

It has come to my attention that J. Cleo Thompson is not in compliance with the inactive well rule.

We will accordingly place this application on hold. Upon being notified that J. Cleo Thompson is in compliance with Rule 40, the matter will be set for hearing.

It will, in any case, have to go to hearing unless BLM gives their approval. We view the 20-day period as merely a procedural provision that allows granting an application if no objection is received within that time. If we receive a late objection before the application has actually been granted, we routinely set matters for hearing so that the issues raised in the objection can be evaluated.

Sincerely

David K. Brooks  
Legal Examiner