

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

**APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
THROUGH THE SUPERVISOR OF DISTRICT II FOR AN ORDER REQUIRING  
W. J. CONOVER TO PROPERLY PLUG ONE WELL IN OTERO COUNTY, NEW  
MEXICO, AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION TO PLUG SAID WELL, AND ORDERING  
A FORFEITURE OF THE PLUGGING BOND, IF ANY.**

CASE NO. 12436

**APPLICATION FOR PLUGGING AND FORFEITURE OF BOND**

1. W. J. Conover ("Operator") is the operator of a well in Otero, County, New Mexico, the J. M. Lewelling Well No. 1 located 660 feet from the North line and 660 feet from the West line in Unit D, Section 12, Township 12 South, Range 9 East.

2. Operator has posted a one-well surety bond in the amount of \$10,000.00 for said well in compliance with NMSA 1978, § 70-2-14 and Rule 101 of the Rules of the Oil Conservation Division ("Division"), which bond is conditioned upon compliance with the statutes of the State of New Mexico and the Rules of the Division with respect to the proper plugging and abandonment of the well operated by Operator. American Manufacturers Mutual Insurance Company is the surety .

3. The subject well has not produced hydrocarbon or carbon dioxide substance or has otherwise been inactive for more than one year or is no longer usable for beneficial purposes and no permit for temporary abandonment has been requested by the Operator or approved by the Division.

4. By virtue of the failure to use the well for beneficial purposes or to have approved a current temporary abandonment permit, the well is presumed to have been abandoned and is required to be plugged.

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5. By authority of NMSA 1978, § 70-2-14 the Rules of the Division require wells that are inactive for more than one year or are no longer usable for beneficial purposes to be properly plugged.

6. Demand has been made or attempted to be made upon the Operator either to place the subject well to beneficial use, obtain approval for temporary abandonment or properly plug and abandon the same, and the Operator has failed to do so.

WHEREFORE, the Supervisor of District II of the Oil Conservation Division applies to the Director to enter an order:

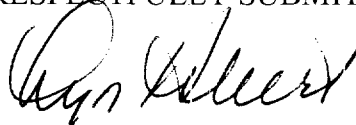
A. Determining the well should be plugged in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.

B. Upon a determination that the well should be plugged, directing Operator to plug the well.

C. Further ordering that if Operator fails to plug and abandon the well as ordered by the Director, that the Division be authorized: i. to plug the well; ii. to declare forfeit on the bond, if any, and to take such action to foreclose on the bond; and iii. to recover from the Operator any costs of plugging the well in excess of the amount of the bond, if any.

D. For such other and further relief as the Division deems just and proper, including the assessment of fines.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marilyn S. Hebert", is written over the typed name.

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