

AP-2

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Lynn Walker
Shell Exploration & Production Company
200 N. Dairy Ashford Rd.
Houston, Texas 77079

RE: Westgate Subdivision/Grimes Battery & Tasker Road (AP-2) in Unit Letter K of Section 28, Township 18 South, Range 38 East NMPM in Hobbs, New Mexico

Mr. Walker,

I have reviewed the *Groundwater Monitoring Closure Report AP-2 July 2012* submitted on your behalf my BBC International on September 20, 2012 regarding the above-referenced site. The available information indicates Shell Exploration & Production Company (Shell) has met the requirements of 19.15.29 NMAC and no further corrective action is required. You are hereby notified abatement plan AP-2 is closed.

This determination by the Oil Conservation Division does not relieve Shell of responsibility should future information indicate a threat to ground water, surface water, human health, or the environment. Furthermore, it does not relieve Shell of responsibility for compliance with any federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

Please properly plug the eleven remaining monitoring wells per requirements of the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer and forward copies of the plugging reports to me. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Jim Griswold
Senior Hydrologist

cc: Geoff Leking, OCD District I Office, Hobbs
Cliff Brunson, BBC International