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**Subject:** Venting at drilling location Sec 2, T19S, R37E

**Date:** Friday, July 21, 2017 3:01:00 PM

## Dear Ms. Winkler:

A member of the public informed NMOCD at 2:35 pm MST that there is a high volume of emissions coming from a new drilling location: West of the Lea County Airport, near the intersection of Lynn Rd and Hwy 62. Based on this information, the probable site is Piper 2 State #001 (API well # 30-025-43558). Please inform of situation. With the current wind conditions, uncontrolled venting poses a potential threat to the environment and local community.

Please be advised that if this is a flaring situation due to a new drilling operation, under NMAC 19.15.18.12, the Responsible Operator must submit a form C-129 before anticipated flare events.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

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