

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

**APPLICATION OF APACHE CORPORATION
FOR AN ADJUDICATORY HEARING TO
CONTEST THE DIVISION'S CONDITIONS OF
APPROVAL ON APACHE CORPORATION'S
SCOPE OF WORK FOR ADDITIONAL
INVESTIGATION, LEA COUNTY, NEW
MEXICO**

Order No. R-23532

CASE NO. 24912

ORDER REFERRING CASE 24912 TO THE OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION

This matter comes before the Director of the Oil Conservation Division ("Director") on the Director's initiative. The Director finds and orders that:

1. This case involves the interpretation of 19.15.29 NMAC and the Oil Conservation Division's ("OCD") requirement, through Conditions of Approval, that Apache Corporation ("Apache") take additional actions to delineate possible contamination of soil and groundwater. The Division concluded that Apache's delineation plan was inadequate to identify and delineate sources of contamination within an acceptable period of time. Apache did not agree to comply with OCD's Conditions of Approval. The Director believes that this issue should be decided by the Commission.
2. Pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 70-2-6(B) and 19.15.4.20(B) NMAC, a hearing may be held before the Commission on any matter if the Director, in their discretion, determines that the Commission shall hear the matter.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

3. Case 24912 is referred to the Commission and shall be heard at a date and time determined by the Commission.

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**GERASIMOS RAZATOS
DIRECTOR (Acting)**

10/28/2024

DATE