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March 6, 2009

Mr. Matthew L. Pride
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**RE: STAGE 1 ABATEMENT PLAN
ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLETENESS DETERMINATION
PRIDE ENERGY - SOUTH FOUR LAKES #14 DRILLING PIT
SECTION 35, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
OCD CASE NO. AP077**

Dear Mr. Pride:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has reviewed the *South Four Lakes #14 Site - Stage 1 Abatement Plan* dated April 14, 2008, submitted by R.T. Hicks on behalf of Pride Energy. Pride submitted this Stage 1 Abatement Plan proposal to conduct a ground water and soil investigation of brine released from its drilling pit at the South Four Lakes #14 site, located in Section 35, Township 11 South, Range 34 East, Lea County, New Mexico, in response to OCD's letter of February 12, 2008.

OCD has determined that Pride's Stage 1 Abatement Plan Proposal is administratively complete because Pride has met the requirements specified in OCD Rule Part 30.13C. Before OCD can complete a technical review of EMGR's Stage 1 proposal, Pride shall:

1. Issue written notice of the Stage 1 proposal pursuant to OCD Rule Part 30.15A, prior to issuing public notice. A listing of "those persons, as identified by the Director, who have requested notification" is attached.
2. Issue its OCD approved public notice in the Santa Fe New Mexican and the Hobbs News-Sun, pursuant to OCD Rule Part 30.15B.



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3. Provide OCD with proof of publication and proof of written notice.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 505-476-3488.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Glenn von Gonten". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Glenn von Gonten
Senior Hydrologist

1 attachment

cc: Larry Johnson, OCD Hobbs District Office

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NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

State of New Mexico
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department
Oil Conservation Division

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Oil Conservation Division Regulations, the following Stage 1 Abatement Plan Proposal has been submitted to the Director of the Oil Conservation Division, 1220 S. St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505, Telephone (505) 476-3440:

Matthew L. Pride, President of Pride Production Co., Inc., which is a General Partner of Pride Energy Company, an Oklahoma General Partnership, Telephone (918) 524-9200, P. O. Box 701950, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74170, has submitted a Stage 1 Abatement Plan Proposal (AP- 77) for the South Four Lakes #14 site, located in Section 35, Township 11 South, Range 34 East, Lea County, New Mexico, approximately 10 miles west of Tatum, New Mexico. Pride Energy Company is the operator of an oil and gas well at the site. A former drilling pit is a suspected source of a release of brines into the vadose zone and groundwater at the site. Assuming that the release of brine occurred after drilling was completed in November 2004, the down gradient extent of ground water impairment could be 150 feet southeast (down gradient) of the former drilling pit. The volume of any release is unknown. The Stage 1 Abatement Plan includes (1) a description of the site, site maps, and discussion of the site history including the nature of the release, (2) a description of the site geology and hydrology, (3) results of previous investigations, (4) the proposed characterization program, which includes the installation of soil borings and/or monitoring well(s) to delineate the vertical and horizontal extent of the constituents of concern, (5) a quality assurance plan, (6) assessment of restoration options, and (7) a schedule of proposed activities.

The division has determined that the application satisfies the requirements of OCD Rule Part 30.13C and is therefore, administratively complete. The division will accept written comments on the abatement plan if the director receives them within 30 days after the date of publication of the public notice. Persons who are interested in obtaining further information, submitting comments, or wish to be placed on a facility-specific mailing list for future notices may contact the Environmental Bureau Chief of the Oil Conservation Division at the address given above. The application and administrative completeness determination may be viewed at the above address between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or may also be viewed at the OCD web site (<http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/ocd>). Persons who are interested in obtaining a copy of the application and administrative completeness determination may contact Jim Snyder at the address given above, or by telephone at 505-476-3484, or by email at Jim.Snyder@state.nm.us.