

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

IN RE PETRO MEX LLC

CASE NO. 22817

**OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION'S
RESPONSE TO MOTION TO CONTINUE**

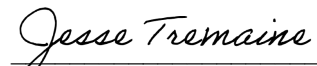
The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (“OCD”) objects to Petro Mex’s motion to continue the hearing date “for a minimum of 60 days.” OCD agrees to a continuance of approximately thirty days, and states the following in support thereof:

1. Petro Mex accepted and signed for receipt of the Notice of Violation on March 14, 2022.
2. Petro Mex did not respond to the Notice of Violation.
3. The undersigned submitted OCD’s Docketing Notice on May 3, 2022, requesting a hearing date of June 16, 2022.
4. Counsel for Petro Mex entered appearance on May 5, 2022.
5. The Notice of Violation deals with a discrete fact pattern involving only five wells which have been inactive for a decade or longer, respectively.
6. Petro Mex is, or should be, fully aware of the status and condition of the wells, which have been registered to Petro Mex as operator during the decade of inactivity.
7. Petro Mex has already benefitted from seventy-three days in which to prepare and respond to the Notice of Violation, as of the date of this filing.
8. A short-term continuance is acceptable to allow counsel adequate time to prepare and engage in informal resolution. The informal resolution period runs for thirty days. *See* 19.15.5.10 NMAC.
9. The next available regular docket after June 16, 2022, assuming a thirty-day continuance, is July 21, 2022. This would allow for seventy-seven days between counsel for Petro Mex’s entry of appearance and the prospective hearing date.

10. OCD contends that further delay would be unreasonable and unwarranted based on the facts of the matter and would not likely assist the parties in informal resolution of the Notice of Violation.

WHEREFORE, OCD respectfully requests that the hearing scheduled for June 16, 2022, be continued to July 21, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,



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