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Oxy USA  
P.O. Box 50250  
Midland, Texas 79710

RE: Oxy Seets State # 1      F-35-23-24      API 30-015-31372      Violation of Rule 202:

Dear Sirs:

This directive is to notify you that this well is in violation of Rule 202.B

On 27 December, 2002 a letter was sent requesting notification when cleanup requirements were satisfied. To date no notification has been received. You are in violation of Rule 202.B.3.

An excerpt of Rule 202 of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division provides as follows:

**202.B WELLS TO BE PROPERLY ABANDONED**

(3) As soon as practical but no later than one year after the completion of plugging operations, the operator shall:

- (a) fill all pits;
- (b) level the location;
- (c) remove deadmen and all other junk; and
- (d) take such other measures as are necessary or required by the Division to restore the location to a safe and clean condition.

**In the event that a satisfactory response is not received to this letter of direction by 1 March, 2004,** further enforcement will occur. Such enforcement may include this office applying to the Division for an order summoning you to a hearing before a Division Examiner in Santa Fe. Such a hearing may result in imposition of **CIVIL PENALTIES** for your violation of OCD rules.

Sincerely,

Van Barton  
Field Rep. II