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Mr. Dean Wilcox
H & W Enterprises
1404 Briscoe
Artesia, NM 88210

Re: Properly Abandoned Wells, H & W Enterprises, Mobil State #1
Ut. H, Sec 16-17-31

The state of New Mexico is in the process at this time of reviewing leases and determining the number of abandoned wells.

Rule 201 A. states the operator of any well drilled for oil, gas or injection, for seismic, core or other exploration, or for a service well, whether cased or uncased, shall be responsible for the plugging thereof.

Rule 201 B. states a well shall be either properly plugged and abandoned or temporarily abandoned in accordance with these rules within 90 days after (1) a 60 day period following suspension of drilling. (2) A determination that the well is no longer usable for beneficial purposes. (3) A period of 1 year in which a well has been continuously inactive.

Houste Bill 65 has been passed by the legislature and provides some tax incentives for wells put back in production. Howere, if there are no plans to put this well back in service then it needs to be either plugged or properly temporarily abandoned.

Please forward to the NMOCDD Artesia office by July 1, 1996 your plans to bring the above captioned well in to compliance with Rule 201.

Yours Truly,



Ray Smith
Deputy Oil & Gas Inspector