



# United States Department of the Interior

## BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Farmington Field Office  
1235 La Plata Highway, Suite A  
Farmington, New Mexico 87401



IN REPLY REFER TO:

14-20-603-2172 (GC)

3162.3-2 (211)

30-045-31169

October 14, 2004

CERTIFIED—RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

7160 3901 9842 1254 1784

Mr. Charles H. Williams  
Richardson Operating Company  
3100 La Plata Highway  
Farmington, NM 87401

Dear Mr. Williams:

Reference is made to the following well on Navajo Tribal oil and gas lease 14-20-603-2172:

No. 4 NV Navajo 26, located 1085' FSL and 800' FEL, Sec. 26, T. 29 N., R. 14 W.,  
San Juan County, New Mexico.

We received your Subsequent Report dated August 20, 2004, outlining the procedures used in completing the Basin Fruitland Coal interval of the referenced well and requesting permission to downhole commingle the Basin Fruitland Coal and West Kutz Pictured Cliffs intervals. We received your Completion Report for the Basin Fruitland Coal formation on September 10, 2004 which indicated that the Fruitland Coal was completed on July 16, 2004. This office has no record of prior approval, written or verbal, being given to conduct this operation.

In view of the foregoing, you are in violation of 43 CFR 3162.3-2, Subsequent Well Operations, which requires prior approval before commencing to recompleting in a different interval. Richardson has had violations of this sort in the past. In addition, you are also subject to a \$250 assessment pursuant to 43 CFR 3163.1-6(b)(3), for failure to obtain approval of a plan to recomplete into a different interval prior to commencement of such operations. You will be billed for the amount of \$250 by this office. Please submit your after the fact Sundry Notice of Intent to complete the Basin Fruitland Coal interval.

Under provisions of 43 CFR 3163.3, you may request an Administrative Review of the assessment described above. Such request, including all supporting documents, must be filed in writing within 20-business days of receipt of this notice and must be filed with the State Director, Bureau of Land Management (NM-920), P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0115. Such request shall not result in a suspension of the order(s) unless the reviewing official so determines. Procedures governing appeals from instructions, orders or decisions are contained in 43 CFR 3154, 4 and 43 CFR 4.400 *et seq.*

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Matt Halbert at (505) 599-6350 or Jim Lovato at (505) 599-6367.

Sincerely,

*/s/ David J. Mankiewicz*

David J. Mankiewicz  
Assistant Field Manager Minerals

3 Enclosures

- 1 - Sundry Notice
- 2 - Completion Report
- 3 - Copy of Previous Violation ltr

cc:

The Navajo Nation (w/o encl 3)  
Minerals Department  
P. O. Box 1910  
Window Rock, AZ 86515

Bureau of Indian Affairs (w/o encl 3)  
Navajo Region Office  
Minerals Department  
P. O. Box 1060  
Gallup, NM 87305-106

NMOCD, Aztec, NM (w/o encl 3)