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Guinn Burks
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Re: Apache's Request to Plug and Abandon Wells

Dear Mr. Burks:

The Oil Conservation Division ("OCD") received your emails of April 23-May 3, 2025, requesting permission for Apache Corporation ("Apache") to plug and abandon the following well(s): East Red Lake Unit #001 (API No. 30-015-01298), East Red Lake Unit #001Q (API No. 30-015001296), and East Red Lake Unit #002 (API No. 30-015-01297). Sellers & Fulton Oil, LLC is the registered operator ("Operator") of this well, and OCD consents to Apache's request to plug, abandon, and remediate the aforementioned well(s).

On or about August 16, 2025, a hearing was conducted regarding Operator's Notice of Violation, including Operator's violations of 19.15.25.8 NMAC. Operator was ordered to plug and abandon certain wells, including East Red Lake Unit #001 (API No. 30-015-01298), East Red Lake Unit #001Q (API No. 30-015001296), and East Red Lake Unit #002 (API No. 30-015-01297). Order R-23566 is incorporated by reference herein as though set forth in full. Despite proper notice from OCD, Operator remained out of compliance with Order R-23566 and failed to plug and abandon the well(s) within the requisite time. Pursuant to that Order, OCD is authorized to plug and abandon certain wells, including East Red Lake Unit #001 (API No. 30-015-01298), East Red Lake Unit #001Q (API No. 30-015001296), and East Red Lake Unit #002 (API No. 30-015-01297). OCD hereby authorizes Apache to plug, abandon, and remediate the above-identified well(s) on OCD's behalf.

Please contact Michael Hall, Assistant General Counsel, at Michael.Hall@emnrd.nm.gov with questions, including the submission of plugging sundries, as OCD will not be transferring operatorship to Apache and will need to insert the plugging sundries into the wellfiles.

Regards,



Albert C.S. Chang
Division Director
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Date