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Beth Ryan
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Re: ConocoPhillips' Request to Plug and Abandon Wells

Dear Ms. Ryan:

The Oil Conservation Division ("OCD") received your emails of May 2 – June 23, 2025, requesting permission for ConocoPhillips ("Conoco") to plug and abandon the following well: State IH (API No. 30-015-23196). Sellers & Fulton Oil, LLC is the registered operator ("Operator") of these wells, and OCD consents to Conoco's request to plug, abandon, and remediate the aforementioned well.

On or about November 21, 2024, 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 36 wells, including the State IH well. 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 wells within 30 days. Pursuant to that Order, OCD is authorized to plug and abandon certain wells, including State IH. OCD hereby authorizes Conoco 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 Conoco and will need to insert the plugging sundries into the well files.

Regards,

Albert Chang
Division Director
Oil Conservation Division

7/24/2025
Date