

Additional Information

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To: ["laura@rthicksconsult.com"](mailto:laura@rthicksconsult.com)
Cc: [Rose-Coss, Dylan H, EMNRD](#)
Subject: Request for Reversal of Suspension of Blue Hole SWD #1
Date: Monday, January 13, 2020 4:38:00 PM

Laura,

After a review of the Blue Hole SWD #1 permit application (SWD-2244), it appears that there is sufficient information regarding notice to affected parties to unsuspend the application. However, the application is currently protested by New Mexico State Land Office, Marathon, and Mewbourne. Therefore, the OCD is still unable to approve the application administratively. If and when the protest is withdrawn, then the application can be reviewed administratively. In the meantime, the application will be retained pending a hearing or other resolution.

Thanks, and please continue to provide OCD with information regarding the standing of this application and feel free to call me with any questions.

Thank you,

John Garcia

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From: Murphy, Kathleen A, EMNRD <KathleenA.Murphy@state.nm.us>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 2:20 PM
To: Rose-Coss, Dylan H, EMNRD <DylanH.Rose-Coss@state.nm.us>
Subject: FW: [EXT] Blue Hole SWD #1 Administrative order SWD-2244 - Request for reversal of suspension

From: laura@rthicksconsult.com <laura@rthicksconsult.com>
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2019 1:28 PM
To: Murphy, Kathleen A, EMNRD <KathleenA.Murphy@state.nm.us>
Cc: r@rthicksconsult.com; Chris Weyand <chris@lonquist.com>
Subject: [EXT] Blue Hole SWD #1 Administrative order SWD-2244 - Request for reversal of suspension

Dear Kathleen,

We request a reversal of the suspension of Blue Hole SWD #1. I have attached supporting documentation that includes:

Updated Table 2 that identifies missing data:

- Mineral owners for areas of unleased private land through title search. (T23S.34S.Sec 23.UL I and T 23S.34E.Sec12.UL M)
- Missing lessee name NMNM 132073 (BLM Serial Register) – this lessee was already notified in original mailing

Supplemental Mailing list and Proof of mailing for identified mineral owners

All operators were previously identified on Table 1 and previously notified, therefore, all affected persons within 1 mile of this well site have been notified.

I have included below, the original email notifying us of the suspension with response to the concerns in red text.

I also included text from section V C108 that discussed action we were taking to obtain data.

This application was previously submitted via the portal and I have attached receipt of payment

If you have any questions or if this is not clear in any way – please let me know.

I understand that you have new staff on board and I hope that life becomes a bit more sane.

I hope that you have a wonderful holiday – Santa Fe is truly magical at this time of year!

From: McMillan, Michael, EMNRD <Michael.McMillan@state.nm.us>

Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2019 4:12 PM

To: r@rthicksconsult.com

Subject: Blue Hole SWD Well No. 1

Randy:

your application is suspended.

I-236-23S-34E need justification for Unknown lessor. **We advised we were doing a title search – now have that data and have done notification mailings**

Why wasn't the lessee notified? **The area was unleased.**

E/2 and E/2 SW/4 Section 15 not notified. **Not accurate – we did notify Devon Energy and Mewborne – clear on original Table 2 and proof of notification.**

NE/4 (Endeavor and Siana were notified- clear on original Table 2 and proof of notification) and N/2 SE/4 of Section 22 not notified. **This data was missing from our data sources (NMNM 132073) and we have since identified that Centennial is the lessee (BLM Serial Register) – had already notified them with original mailing as they were included with other leases**

Clarify that any portion of SW/4 SW/4 of Section 12 is within 1-mile AOR. **We are likely only a few feet into this area at 1 mile, however, we did include and we also had to do a title search for mineral owners in that area. We now have that data and notification mailings have been completed.**

Mike

We explained the reason for missing information in section V of the C108 with following text:

”Note that T23S R34E Section23 Unit Letter I, south of the proposed SWD, and all Section 12, north of the proposed SWD are shown as unleased in Plate 2a. We contacted the surface owner, Limestone Basin Ranch Prop LLC, and found that there is no knowledge of a private oil and gas mineral interest holder. There is no past or present oil and gas production from Unit Letter I of Section 23 and no current production in Section 12. We are conducting a title search for these parcels to determine mineral ownership and will notify the majority interest owner if said owner has not already been notified in the mailing to affected parties.”

Sincerely,

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