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Mr. Boyd Abbot Abbott Brothers Rathole Service P.O. Box 305 Hobbs, NM 88241

Dear Mr. Abbot:

The Oil Conservation Division's (OCD) records indicate that the following Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) Discharge Permit has already expired or will soon expire.

GW-264 Abbott Brothers - Hobbs Facility

OCD has revised its permitting policies. These changes may affect the renewal of your discharge permit(s). Please submit an "Oil & Gas Facilities Questionnaire for Determination of a WQCC Discharge Permit" for each of your facilities (see attachment and OCD's "Notifications and Announcements" at http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/ocd). Please submit the completed Questionnaires within 30 days of your receipt of this letter. Based on your response, OCD will determine whether you will need to submit a discharge permit renewal. If OCD determines that you no longer are required to operate under a WQCC Discharge Permit, you may be required to obtain a separate permit(s) for other processes at your facility, such as: pits, ponds, impoundments, below-grade tanks; waste treatment, storage and disposal operations; and landfarms and landfills. OCD will determine if any of these existing processes may require a separate permit under OCD's Oil, Gas, and Geothermal regulations. If OCD determines that a separate permit(s) is required, then a letter will be sent to you indicating what type of permit is required.

Please keep in mind, if your facility has any discharges that would require a WQCC Discharge Permit now or in the future, then you will be required to renew or obtain a WQCC Discharge Permit.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Glenn von Gonten at 505-476-3488.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Jami Bailey Director

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