

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

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APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION,  
THROUGH THE ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE MANAGER FOR A  
COMPLIANCE ORDER AGAINST KERR-MCGEE ENERGY SERVICES CORP.  
FINDING THAT THE OPERATOR IS IN VIOLATION OF 19.15.25.8 NMAC AS  
TO ONE WELL, REQUIRING OPERATOR TO BRING SAID WELL INTO  
COMPLIANCE WITH 19.15.25.8 NMAC BY A DATE CERTAIN, AND IN THE  
EVENT OF NON-COMPLIANCE, DECLARING THE WELL ABANDONED  
AND AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION TO PLUG THE WELL IN CHAVES  
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

CASE NO. 15137

APPLICATION FOR COMPLIANCE ORDER  
AGAINST KERR-MCGEE ENERGY SERVICES CORP.

1. Kerr McGee Energy Services Corporation ("Operator") is a sole proprietor and is operating the following well ("subject well") in Chaves County, New Mexico, under OGRID No. 12558:

- Booher 35 #3, H-35-7S-31E, API No. 30-005-20843

*Exhibit 1, Affidavit of Maxey Brown.*

2. Operator has not posted financial assurances to secure its obligation to plug and abandon the well. *Exhibit 1, Affidavit of Maxey Brown.*

3. Division Rule 19.15.25.8 NMAC requires an operator to plug and abandon or temporarily abandon a well in accordance with Division rules within 90 days after a period of one year of continuous inactivity.

4. The subject well operated by Operator in New Mexico has been inactive for a continuous period exceeding one year plus 90 days, and is neither plugged and abandoned in accord with Division Rules 19.15.25.9 to -11 NMAC nor on approved temporary abandonment status in accord with Division Rule 19.15.25.12 NMAC:

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5. Division Rule 19.15.8.13 NMAC authorizes the Director to order the Operator to plug and abandon any well not in compliance with 19.15.25.8 NMAC and restore and remediate the location by a date certain.

6. NMSA 1978, Section 70-2-12(B)(18) and NMSA 1978, Section 70-2-38 authorize the Division to plug and abandon wells, and restore and remediate the location of abandoned wells.

**WHEREFORE**, Daniel Sanchez, Enforcement and Compliance Manager of the Division, hereby applies to the Director to enter an Order:

- A. Determining that the subject well is not in compliance with Division Rule 19.15.25.8 NMAC;
- B. Requiring Operator Kerr McGee to plug and abandon the subject well by a date certain;
- C. If the subject well is not brought into compliance with 19.15.25.8 NMAC by the date set in the Order, declaring the well abandoned and authorizing the Division to plug the subject well in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program and restore and remediate the location; and
- D. For such other and further relief as the Director deems just and proper under the circumstances.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  
this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014 by



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Case No. 15137. Application of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for a Compliance Order against Kerr McGee Corp. The Applicant seeks an Order finding that Operator is in violation of Division Rule 19.15.25.8 NMAC as to one well, requiring operator to bring the well into compliance with Division Rule 19.15.25.8 NMAC by a date certain, and authorizing the Division to plug said well in the event of non-compliance. The affected well is Booher 35 #3, located in Chaves County, New Mexico, section, township and range, H-35-7S-31E, API No. 30-005-20843.

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COUNTY OF SANTA FE )

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New Mexico, section township and range, H-35-7S-31E, API No. 30-005-20843.  
ONGARD contains no production or injection records for these wells since August 1989.

7. Upon information and belief, Operator is operating under OGRID #12558;  
Operator has not posted financial assurances to secure its obligation to plug and abandon  
the wells.

8. Upon information and belief, the subject well operated by Operator in  
New Mexico has been inactive for a continuous period exceeding one year plus 90 days,  
and is neither plugged and abandoned in accord with Division Rules 19.15.25.9 to -11  
NMAC nor on approved temporary abandonment status in accord with Division Rule  
19.15.25.12 NMAC.

  
Maxey Brown

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN before me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014.

  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

8/1/2014

