**OCD** Permitting

## Inactive Well List Total Well Count: 1 Inactive Well Count: 1 Printed On: Tuesday, January 08 2019

District	API	Well	ULSTR	OCD Unit	Ogrid	Operator	Lease Туре	Weli Type	Last Production	Formation/Notes	Status	TA Exp Date
1	30-025-25653	DRINKARD HOMESTEAD #001	C-25-22S-37E	C	19914	S & D PARTNERSHIP		0	09/2014	GRANITE WASH		

WHERE Operator:19914, County:All, District:All, Township:All, Range:All, Section:All, Production(months):15, Excludes Wells Under ACOI, Excludes Wells in Approved TA Period

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### Inactive Well Additional Financial Assurance Report 19914 S & D PARTNERSHIP Total Well Count: 1

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Property	Well Hame	Lease Туре	ULSTR	OCD Unit Letter	7 API	Wull Type		Inactive Additional Bond Due	Measured Depth	Required Bond Amount	Bond Required Now	Covered By Blanket TA Bond	Bond in Place	in Vicistion
9700 E	DRINKARD HOMESTEAD #001	P	C-25-22S-37E	С	30-025-25653	0	09/2014	10/01/2016	7817	12817	Y		12,817	,

WHERE Ogrid:19914

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# State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Susana Martinez Governor

David Martin Cabinet Secretary

Tony Delfin Deputy Cabinet Secretary

June 16, 2016

S & D Partnership OGIRD #19914 PO BOX 186 Eunice, NM 88231 David R. Catanach, Division Director Oil Conservation Division



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### Re: 19.15.5.9 NMAC Compliance

**Dear Operator:** 

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) is conducting ongoing review of all operators' compliance status with Subsection A of 19.15.5.9 NMAC. According to OCD records, your company is not in compliance with Subsection A of 19.15.5.9 NMAC for the following reasons:

Financial assurance. Your company is in violation of the financial assurance requirements for well plugging set out in 19.15.8.9 NMAC. Specifically, your company has not posted the required financial assurance required for state or fee wells which have been inactive for more than two years. The wells requiring single-well financial assurances are identified in the attached sheet.

<u>Corrective action.</u> Order <u>, issued on</u>, found your company to be in violation of an order requiring corrective action.

<u>X</u> Inactive wells. According to the attached inactive well list, your company has too many wells in violation of 19.15.25.8 NMAC (the inactive well rule) that are not subject to an inactive well agreed compliance order. As an operator of <u>1</u> well, your company may have no more than <u>1</u> well in violation of the inactive well rule. Your company has <u>1</u> well in violation of the inactive well rule.

Non-compliance with 19.15.5.9 NMAC will prevent your company from acquiring any new wells, acquiring approval of exploration and development plans, receiving new allowables, and obtaining drilling, injection, and other OCD issued permits, and potentially expose your company to additional compliance actions including an OCD order requiring compliance, and revocation of injection permits. As the operator of a non 19.15.5.9 NMAC compliant company, you will not be permitted to register any additional companies to operate in New Mexico or have any interest exceeding 25 percent in any other companies in New Mexico.

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The OCD is requesting that you review the OCD's online database for your specific Oil and Gas Registration Identification (OGRID) number and notify the OCD how your company plans to return to compliance with 19.15.5.9 NMAC. This is an opportunity for your company to work with the OCD toward achieving its goal of maintaining compliance with the rules of the State of New Mexico. Please respond to the OCD within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received the OCD may begin formal compliance action.

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Respectfully yours,

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Daniel Sanchez, Compliance and Enforcement Manager (505)476-3493 Daniel.sanchez@state.nm.us

Ec: David R. Catanach, Division Director Maxey Brown, District 1 Supervisor Charlie Perrin, District 3 Supervisor Randolph Bayliss, District 2 Supervisor Will Jones, District 4 Supervisor Keith Herrmann, Attorney, Santa Fe

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

# APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT BUREAU FOR A COMPLIANCE ORDER AGAINST S & D PARTNERSHIP, FOR WELLS OPERATED IN LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

#### CASE NO. <u>20199</u>

#### AFFIDAVIT OF DANIEL SANCHEZ

I, Daniel Sanchez, being first duly sworn on oath, states as follows:

1. I am employed as the Compliance and Enforcement Manager at the Oil Conservation Division ("OCD").

My duties include as the Compliance & Enforcement Manager

Manage the division's four district offices and Environmental Bureau. Program Director for the EPA's Underground Injection Control program.

- Coordinate field inspections between the BLM (Carlsbad, Roswell, and Hobbs District Offices and the OCD (Artesia and Hobbs District Offices).
- Conduct quarterly meetings between the BLM and OCD to coordinate various enforcement actions on co-jurisdictional sites and issues.

Manage the use of the State Reclamation Fund for the purpose of plugging abandoned wells, remediation of well sites and the remediation of oil and gas related environmental contamination.

Testify in Hearing Examiner and Commission hearings in support of OCD staff positions on compliance and enforcement issues.

Conduct operator orientation for operators new to the state.

Negotiate Agreed Compliance Orders with operators out of compliance with OCD Rule 5.9.

Simplify and standardize the Oil Conservation Division's business procedures. Eliminate outdated practices and address current regulatory issues.

Oversee the consistent interpretation and enforcement of division rules. Ensure compliance with rules and permits on oil and gas facilities and operations.

Assure that inactive wells are tested and plugged in accordance with division rules.

Act as a backup for C-115, production reports, review and approvals.

Act as a backup for data entry of ACOI wells into the divisions Risk Based Data Management System.

2. The OCD's information on production and injection comes from monthly production reports filed by the well operators.

OCD Case # 20199 Exhibit 4: Affidavit of Non-Production and 5.9 Violations Page 1 of 2 3. In 1993 the OCD began using the ONGARD (Oil and Natural Gas Administration and Revenue Database) to record oil and gas production and injection by well. Since 1993, production and injection data from the monthly production reports filed by operators has been entered into ONGARD.

4. When the OCD began using the ONGARD system in 1993, it converted existing production and injection data into ONGARD for those wells that were not shown as "plugged" according to the OCD records available at that time. The pre-1993 production and injection information for each such well was totaled and appears in ONGARD under the last month of production or injection for that well.

5. Upon information and belief, S & D Partnership ("Operator") is a sole proprietor and is operating the wells ("subject wells") in Lea County, New Mexico identified in *Exhibit 1, Inactive Well List.* 

6. Upon information and belief, the subject wells operated by Operator in New Mexico have been inactive for a continuous period exceeding one year plus 90 days, and are neither plugged and abandoned in accord with 19.15.25.9 to -11 NMAC nor on approved temporary abandonment status in accord with 19.15.25.12 NMAC.

7. Upon information and belief, the number of subject wells out of compliance with 19.15.25.8 NMAC (wells to be properly abandoned) exceeds the amount allowed by 19.15.5.9 NMAC. As an operator of 1 well, Operator may not have more than 1 well out of compliance with 19.15.25.8 NMAC

8. Exhibits 1-4 presented in this case are true and accurate reproductions of OCD records and were prepared by me or under my direction.

Sanch Daniel Sanchez

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN before me on this January 9, 2019.

My Commission Expires:

<u>May 29, 2020</u>

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

APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION **COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT BUREAU FOR A COMPLIANCE ORDER** AGAINST S & D PARTNERSHIP, FOR WELLS OPERATED IN LEA COUNTY, **NEW MEXICO.** 

### CASE NO. 20199

### **AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE**

In accordance with 19.15.4.9 and 19.15.4.12 NMAC, I hereby certify that notice of the January 10, 2019 hearing in the above captioned case was mailed to the following party(ies) by certified mail, return receipt requested, at least 20 days prior to the hearing date, with a copy of the application:

S & D Partnership **PO Box 186** Eunice, NM 88231 James Polk Stone National Bank P.O. Drawer 888 Portales, NM 88130

Hartford Accident & Indemnity One Hartford Plaza Hartford, CT 06115 VIA New Mexico Superintendent of Insurance

A copy of this notice is attached as *Exhibit 5-A* to this affidavit.

how H eith W. Herrman

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN before me on this January 9, 2019.

**Notary Public** 

My Commission Expires:

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State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Heather Riley, Division Director

**Oil Conservation Division** 

Susana Martinez Governor

Ken McQueen Cabinet Secretary

Matthias Sayer Deputy Cabinet Secretary

December 13, 2018

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Hartford Accident & Indemnity One Hartford Plaza Hartford, CT 06115 VIA New Mexico Superintendent of Insurance

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James Polk Stone National Bank P.O. Drawer 888 Portales, NM 88130 VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT: 7008 3230 0000 2319 2707

Re: OCD Case No. 20199 for a Compliance Order against S & D Partnership

Dear Operator:

Pursuant to the notice provisions contained in 19.15.4 NMAC, you are hereby notified that at 8:15 AM on January 10, 2019, the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("OCD") will hold a hearing in front of a Division Examiner seeking an order determining that S & D Partnership ("Operator") (1) is out of compliance with 19.15.5.9(A)(4), and 19.15.25.8 NMAC and NMSA 1978, § 70-2-14; (2) requiring Operator to return to compliance with 19.15.5.9(A)(4), and 19.15.5.9(A)(4), and 19.15.25.8 NMAC and requiring producing wells shut-in until compliance is achieved; and (3) in the event of non-compliance, declaring the wells abandoned and authorizing the OCD to plug the violating wells in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program and restore and remediate the location, recover costs from the Operator's financial assurance as permitted by 19.15.8.13 NMAC, and seek indemnification and costs as permitted by NMSA 1978, § 70-2-14(E). The hearing will be held in Porter Hall at 1220 South St. Francis Dr., Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Please review 19.15.4 NMAC to see applicable rules for division hearings. A person entitled to notice may enter an appearance at any time by filing a written notice of appearance with the division or the commission clerk, as applicable, or, subject to the provisions in Subsection C of 19.15.4.10 NMAC, by oral appearance on the record at the hearing. A party who has not entered an appearance at least one business day prior to the pre-hearing statement filing date provided in Paragraph (1) of Subsection B of 19.15.4.13 NMAC shall not be allowed to present technical 1220 South St. Francis Drive - Santa Fe. New Mexico 87505

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evidence at the hearing unless the Oil Conservation Commission chairman or the OCD examiner, for good cause, otherwise directs.

If you have any questions regarding the hearing process, please contact me at (505) 476-3463 or keith.herrmann@state.nm.us.

Sincerely

Keith Herrmann

Attorney for the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division Compliance and Enforcement Bureau

Encl: OCD Case No. 20199 Compliance and Enforcement Bureau Application for Hearing

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