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May 19, 2006

The Aetna Casualty and Surety Company
c/o Travelers Casualty and Surety Company
One Tower Square
Hartford, CT 06183

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Re: Case No. 13714: Application of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for an Order Requiring Tenneco Oil Company to Plug One Well and Ordering Forfeiture of Applicable Financial Assurance in Event of Operator's Non-Compliance; Chaves County, New Mexico

Ladies and Gentlemen:

You are hereby notified that the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division has filed the referenced Application (copy enclosed), seeking an Order requiring Tenneco Oil Company to properly plug and abandon one well in Chaves County, New Mexico, identified in said application.

A hearing on this application will take place before a Division hearing examiner on Thursday, June 8, 2006, at 8:15 a.m., in Porter Hall, First Floor, 1220 South St. Francis Drive in Santa Fe, New Mexico. At that hearing you will have an opportunity to show cause why an order should not be entered as requested in the Application. . If you intend to present evidence in opposition to this application, you must file a pre-hearing statement, as described in Division Rule 1211.B with Division Clerk, Florene Davidson, at Oil Conservation Division, 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505, before 5:00 P.M., Mountain Time on Thursday, June 1, 2006.

Tenneco Oil Company posted a surety bond, in the amount of \$50,000, number 61S33248-19-79, issued by The Aetna Casualty and Surety Company. That security will be forfeited if an order is entered as requested and the operator fails to comply therewith.

The Division has no address on file for the Tenneco Oil Company, and believes that entity no longer exists. Accordingly, notice of this proceeding will be served on Tenneco Oil Company by publication in Chaves County, New Mexico.

Inquiries concerning this application may be directed to the undersigned in the Santa Fe office of the Division at (505)-476-3450.

Very truly yours,

David K. Brooks
Assistant General Counsel

cc: Tim Gum, District Supervisor

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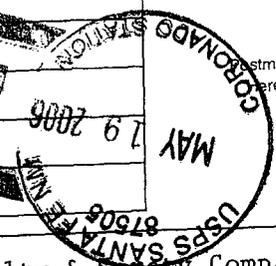
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