

## “Green” Wells:

### Violation alleged:

- Inactive wells (19.15.4.201 NMAC)

### Wells at issue:

1. Fowler B #001 –plugged by state; not released
2. J F Black #003 –plugged by state; not released
3. J F Black #004 –plugged by state; not released
4. J F Black #005 –plugged by state; not released
5. J F Black #006 –plugged by state; not released
6. J F Black #007 –plugged by state; not released
7. Marshall #001\*
8. Marshall #005\*
9. Marshall #008\*
10. New Mexico BZ State NCT 5#004 –plugged by state; not released
11. New Mexico DL State #003\*
12. New Mexico DL State #004\*
13. New Mexico DL State #005\*
14. New Mexico DL State #006\*
15. New Mexico DL State #007\*
16. New Mexico EF State #003\*

### History of Compliance Action by OCD:

7-30-05 ACOI 77 executed (covers all 16 wells at issue)  
11-15-05 ACOI 77-A executed (covers all 16 wells at issue)  
12-6-06 Case 13858 filed (covers all 16 wells at issue)  
3-1-07 Case 13858 heard  
6-15-07 Case 13858 Order R-12767 filed (covers all 16 wells at issue)  
9-13-07 De Novo application dismissed  
11-15-07 Case 14052 filed (subject of de novo review)  
1-10-08 Case 14052 heard  
6-23-08 Case 14052 Order R- 12768-C filed

Wells plugged under Order R-12767 to date, and cost to the State of New Mexico:

• Fowler B No. 1	\$32,753.86
• JF Black No. 3	\$50,097.38
• JF Black No. 4	\$34,102.40
• JF Black No. 5	\$71,270.52
• JF Black No. 6	\$38,025.60
• JF Black No. 7	\$38,086.90
• NM BZ State NCT 5 #4	<u>\$35,037.08</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$299,373.74</b>
Amount covered by blanket bond:	<u>\$50,000.00</u>
<b>Amount owed to State of New Mexico:</b>	<b>\$249,373.74</b>

9-29-08 Demand letter sent to Pronghorn for \$249,373.74

**Pending Orders:**

- ACOI 77-A: Operator agreed to return all 16 wells to compliance by May 31, 2006, pay \$2,000 per well for each full month well remains out of compliance after that date.
- R-12767: Requires operator to return all 16 wells to compliance by October 2, 2007; authorizes OCD to plug wells and forfeit financial assurance if operator fails to meet deadline.
- R-12768-C: Requires operator to plug or transfer all wells by 12-31-08.

**Compliance Action by Operator:**

- Transferred 9 wells to TriTex without first returning them to compliance.

**Compliance Action Not Taken:**

- Has not paid penalty under ACOI 77-A
- Did not return any of the wells to compliance; has not remediated sites of plugged wells
- Has not reimbursed state for \$249,373.74 spent to date to plug wells
- Has not replaced blanket bond forfeited for partial payment of plugging costs

\*Wells transferred to TriTex Resources, LLC, effective 9/15/08.