

19.15.1.40 COMPLIANCE:

A. A well operator is in compliance with Subsection A of 19.15.1.40 NMAC if the operator:

- (1) currently meets the financial assurance requirements of 19.15.3.101 NMAC;
- (2) is not subject to a division or commission order, issued after notice and hearing, finding the operator to be in violation of an order requiring corrective action;
- (3) does not have a penalty assessment that is unpaid more than 70 days after issuance of the order assessing the penalty; and

(4) has no more than the following number of wells out of compliance with 19.15.4.201 NMAC that are not subject to an agreed compliance order setting a schedule for bringing the wells into compliance with 19.15.4.201 NMAC and imposing sanctions if the schedule is not met:

(a) two wells or 50 percent of the wells the operator operates, whichever is less, if the operator operates 100 wells or less;

(b) five wells if the operator operates between 101 and 500 wells;

(c) seven wells if the operator operates between 501 and 1000 wells; and

(d) 10 wells if the operator operates more than 1000 wells.

B. The division shall notify an operator on a monthly basis when, according to records on file with the division, a well on the inactive well list described in Subsection F of 19.15.1.40 NMAC shows no production or injection for the past 12 months by sending a letter by first class mail to the address the operator has provided the division pursuant to Subsection C of 19.15.3.100 NMAC.

C. Compliance with financial assurance requirements. The division shall make available on its website and update weekly the status of operators' financial assurance required by 19.15.3.101 NMAC, according to division records.

D. Orders requiring corrective action.

(1) The division shall make available on its website division or commission orders, issued after notice and hearing, finding an operator to be in violation of an order requiring corrective action.

(2) An operator who contests an order finding it to be in violation of an order requiring corrective action may appeal and may seek a stay of the order. An order that is stayed pending appeal does not affect an operator's compliance with Subsection A of 19.15.1.40 NMAC.

(3) An operator who completes the corrective action the order requires may file a motion with the order's issuer to declare the order satisfied. The division or commission, as applicable, may grant the motion without hearing, or may set the matter for hearing.

E. Penalty assessments.

(1) The division shall make available on its website penalty assessments and the date the operator paid them, according to division records.

(2) An operator who contests an order assessing penalties may appeal and may seek a stay of the order. An order that is stayed pending appeal does not affect an operator's compliance with Subsection A of 19.15.1.40 NMAC.

F. Inactive wells.

(1) The division shall make available on its website, and update daily, an "inactive well list" listing each well, by operator, that according to division records:

(a) does not have its wellbore plugged in accordance with 19.15.4.202 NMAC;

(b) is not in approved temporary abandonment in accordance with 19.15.4.203

NMAC; and

(c) is not subject to an agreed compliance order setting a schedule for bringing the well into compliance with 19.15.4.201 NMAC and imposing sanctions if the operator does not meet the schedule.

(2) For purposes of 19.15.1.40 NMAC, the listing of a well on the division's inactive well list as a well inactive for more than one year plus 90 days creates a rebuttable presumption that the well is out of compliance with 19.15.4.201 NMAC.

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