



RECEIVED

PATRICK H. LYONS
COMMISSIONER

State of New Mexico
Commissioner of Public Lands

310 OLD SANTA FE TRAIL
P.O. BOX 1148
SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO 87504-1148

2009 JUL 16 PM 1 17
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE
Phone (505) 827-5760
Fax (505) 827-5766
www.nmstatelands.org

July 9, 2009

2671

Cimarex Energy Company
1700 Lincoln Street
Suite 1800
Denver, Colorado 80203-4518

Attn: Land Department

Re: Designation of Successor Unit Operator
Red Hills Unit
Lea County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

We have been notified that Cimarex Energy Company is operating the Red Hills Unit in Lea County, New Mexico. Our records reflect that Tom Brown, Inc. is still the operator of record for this unit. Since a change of operator has not been approved by this office, Cimarex Energy Company is operating the Red Hills Unit without authority.

In view of the above, please submit within (30) days, a resignation from Tom Brown, Inc. and the designation of Cimarex Energy Company as successor unit operator to this office for approval. Cimarex Energy Company must also accept the duties and responsibilities as the successor unit operator in writing, as well as submitting a 2010 Plan of Development for this unit with appropriate maps.

If you have any questions or if we may be of further help, please contact Pete Martinez at (505) 827-5791.

Very truly yours,

PATRICK H. LYONS
COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC LANDS

By: JAMI BAILEY, Director
Oil, Gas and Minerals division
PL/JB/jm
xc: Reader File
OCD- Mr. Ed Martin
BLM- Mr. Wesley Ingram

-State Land Office Beneficiaries -

Carrie Tingley Hospital • Charitable Penal & Reform • Common Schools • Eastern NM University • Rio Grande Improvement • Miners' Hospital of NM • NM Boys School • NM Highlands University • NM Institute of Mining & Technology • New Mexico Military Institute • NM School for the Deaf • NM School for the Visually Handicapped • NM State Hospital • New Mexico State University • Northern NM Community College • Penitentiary of New Mexico • Public Buildings at Capital • State Park Commission • University of New Mexico • UNM Saline Lands • Water Reservoirs • Western New Mexico University