

## **OXY USA WTP Limited Partnership**

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David R. Evans Senior Landman Advisor

January 25, 2005

**OVERNIGHT MAIL** 

Mr. George Scott Energex Company 100 North Pennsylvania Ave. Roswell, NM 88201

Notice of Violation Oxy Pronghorn State No. 2 T-21-S, R28E, Section 2 Eddy County, New Mexico NM VB-0183-02 6-3019268

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Dear Mr. Scott,

Enclosed for your immediate review and further handling is a copy of the State of New Mexico's letter dated October 22, 2004 notifying that the captioned lease is out of compliance.

Oxy is forwarding Energex this notice because the lease was re-assigned to Energex etal by Assignment of Oil and Gas Lease dated January 31, 2000, a copy is enclosed for your review. The assignment reflects that Energex assumed this liability and is responsible for the remediation.

Please contact the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department and advise them as to Energex's plan to remediate State of New Mexico Lease NM VB-0183-02. Oxy appreciates your prompt handling of this matter.

If you need to discuss this matter with me please contact me at 432/685-5769 or by cell 432/634-4402.

Very truly yours,

David R. Evans

Overnight Cc: Mr. Mark E. Fesmire, Director

Artesia OCD Division 1301 W. Grand Artesia, NM 88210

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# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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Oil Conservation Division

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OXY USA INC PO BOX 50250 MIDLAND TX 79710

NOTICE OF VIOLATION - Inspection

Dear

The following inspection(s) indicate that the well, equipment, location or operational status of the well(s) failed to meet standards of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division as described in the detail section below. To comply with standards imposed by Rules and Regulations of the Division, corrective action must be taken immediately and the situation brought into compliance. The detail section indicates preliminary findings and/or probable nature of the violation. This determination is based on an inspection of your well or facility by an inspector employed by the Oil Conservation Division on the date(s) indicated.

Please notify the proper district office of the Division, in writing, of the date corrective actions are scheduled to be made so that arrangements can be made to reinspect the well and/or facility.

#### INSPECTION DETAIL SECTION

**OXY PRONGHORN STATE No.002** 

Inspection

Date Type Inspection

10/22/2004 Routine/Periodic

Inspector

Violation?

\*Significant Non-Compliance?

15-2-21S-28E

30-015-29931-00-0

Corrective
Action Due By:

Inspection No

iGEG0429635691

Gerry Guye

Yes

No

11/8/2004

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Comments on Inspection:

Unlined, undeclared Drilling Pit Open, shows indications of truck dumping. Contains hydrocarbons and BS&W(Rule 116). Pit must be remediated and closed in accordance

with Rule 50.

In the event that a satisfactory response is not received to this letter of direction by the "Corrective Action Due By:" date shown above, further enforcement will occur. Such enforcement may include this office applying to the Division for an order summoning you to a hearing before a Divison Examiner in Santa Fe to show cause why you should not be ordered to permanently plug and abandon this well. Such a hearing may result in imposition of CIVIL PENALTIES for your violation of OCD rules.

Sincerely,

Artesia OCD District Office

Oil Conservation Division \* 1301 W Grand \* Artesia, NM 88210 Phone: (505) 748-1283 \* Fax (505) 748-9720 \* <a href="http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us">http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us</a>

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### ASSIGNMENT OF OIL AND GAS LEASE(S) (without warranty of title)

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO ) SS. COUNTY OF EDDY

This Assignment of Oil and Gas Lease(s), effective as of June 1, 1999, ("Effective Date"), is by and between OXY USA Inc., a Delaware corporation, with a mailing address at P. O. Box 50250, Midland, Texas 79710, as "Assignor", and Energex Company, whose mailing address is 100 North Pennsylvania Avenue, Roswell, New Mexico 88201, as "Assignee".

#### WITNESSETH:

For valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, Assignor hereby grants, conveys, assigns, transfers and delivers to Assignee, effective as of the Effective Date, that 4.25% of 8/8ths portion of the leasehold working interest estate in and to the oil and gas lease(s) described in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and made a part hereof, it being the intention of the parties that Assignee shall receive from Assignor the same interest that was conveyed to Assignor from Assignee in that certain Assignment of Oil and Gas Lease effective May 1, 1997, and recorded at Volume 319, Page 946 of the Oil and Gas Records of Eddy County, New Mexico, said oil and gas lease(s) being hereinafter called the "Properties".

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the Properties unto Assignee, its successors and assigns, forever subject to the terms, reservations and conditions contained herein.

With the acceptance of this instrument Assignee accepts the Properties in their "AS IS, WHERE IS, condition. The Properties, whether real or personal, are conveyed without WARRANTY OF TITLE of any kind either express or implied and WITHOUT WARRANTIES AS TO CONDITION, including NO WARRANTY MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

By acceptance of this Assignment, on and after the Effective Date Assignee assumes and agrees to pay, perform and discharge all of Assignor's responsibilities, liabilities and obligations of whatever kind or nature in any manner related to the Properties occurring or arising on or after the Effective Date including, but not limited to, such obligation as may arise to plug, or otherwise repair and clean up any well located on the Properties SAVE and EXCEPT only the OXY Pronghorn State No. #1, API No. 30-015-29778, provided, however, should said well be re-entered or otherwise disturbed by any party other than the Assignor then, as between the parties hereto, Assignee shall have the obligation to plug or otherwise repair and clean up said well should the need so arise for any reason and Assignor shall have been relieved of any such obligation.

Assignee agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless Assignor from and against all losses, costs, claims, demands, suits, liability and expense with respect to the Properties which arise out of or relate to Assignee's ownership and/or operation of such properties, for any event, operation, act, or condition occurring or arising after the Effective Date.

EXECUTED by Assignor and Assignee as of January 31, 2000.

**ASSIGNOR** 

OXY USA Inc.

Gary C. Timmermann, Attorney-in-Fact

**ASSIGNEE** 

**Energex Company** 

RECEPTION *0*05085

Real Time Zone Inc 100 9 Pennsylvania. BASWELL NM 88201

ASSIGNMENT OF OIL AND	GAS LEASE(S)		Page 2
STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF MIDLAND	) ) SS. )		
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 2/day of January 2000, by Gary C. Timmermann, as Attorney-in-Fact, for and on behalf of OXY USA Inc., a Delaware corporation.			
Witness my hand and	official seal.	Betty & Chatter Notary Public	
STATE OF NEW MEXICO	)		BETTY L. CHATWELL MY COMMISSION EXPIRES May 5, 2001
COUNTY OF	) SS )	soft Int.	
The foregoing instrum	nent was acknowledged as Dec Co official seal.	Bleeda Wa Notary Public	POL 2000 by ergex Company.

EXHIBIT "A" -

Attached to and made a part of Assignment of Oil and Gas Lease(s) between OXY USA Inc. and Energex Company.

LEASE NUMBER:

6-3019265/3019265 - 00976500

LEASE DATE:

February 1, 1988

LESSOR:

State of New Mexico Manzano Oil Corporation

LESSEE: RECORDING DATA:

VB-0183

DESCRIPTION:

INSOFAR AND ONLY INSOFAR as said lease shall concern Township 21 South, Range 28 East, N.M.P.M.: Section 2: Lots 1-16 and the South Half (S/2) limited to rights below the base of the Bone Springs formation, Eddy County, New Mexico.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO County of Eddy

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orded in the Records of Eddy County Clerk

County Clerk

Chana M. Taul