



August 14, 2014

Denise Gallegos  
State of New Mexico - Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Drive  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

RE: Apache Corporation  
Bond No. 02204884  
Empire ABO Unit #415

To Whom It May Concern,

Enclosed is Apache Corporation's one-well plugging bond No. 02204884 for \$11,260.00, for well:  
Empire ABO Unit #415, API: 30-015-39009.

Upon receipt of this bond in your office, I appreciate a confirmation email sent to  
[Caleb.Ainsworth@apachecorp.com](mailto:Caleb.Ainsworth@apachecorp.com).

If you have any questions or need additional information, I can be reached at (281) 302-2347 or via  
email at the address listed above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Caleb R. Ainsworth", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Caleb R. Ainsworth  
Risk Analyst | Risk Management | Apache Corporation

Encl.

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ONE WELL PLUGGING BOND

For CHAVES, EDDY, LEA, MCKINLEY, RIO ARRIBA, ROOSEVELT,  
SANDOVAL AND SAN JUAN COUNTIES ONLY

BOND NO. 022048884  
WELL DEPTH 6,260  
AMOUNT OF BOND 11,260.00  
COUNTY Eddy

Note: Bond Amount is \$5,000 plus \$1 per foot of projected depth of proposed well or measured depth of existing well.

\*Under certain conditions, the appropriate district office of the Division may authorize a well to be drilled as much as 500 feet deeper than the depth provided in the applicable financial assurance. (See Rule 8.9.D.3)

File with the Oil Conservation Division, 1220 South St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, NM 87505

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That APACHE CORPORATION, (an individual - if dba must read - Example: John Doe dba ABC Services) (a general partnership) (a corporation), (limited liability company) (limited partnership) organized in the State of DE, and authorized to do business in the State of New Mexico, as PRINCIPAL, and LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of MA and authorized to do business in the State of New Mexico, as SURETY, are firmly bound unto the State of New Mexico, for the use and benefit of the Oil Conservation Division of the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (or successor agency) (the DIVISION), pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 70-2-14, as amended, in the sum of \$ 11,260.00, for the payment of which the PRINCIPAL and SURETY hereby bind themselves, their successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

The conditions of this obligation are such that:

WHEREAS, the PRINCIPAL has commenced or may commence the drilling of one well to a depth not to exceed 6,260 feet, to prospect for and/or produce oil or gas, carbon dioxide gas, helium gas or brine minerals, or as an injection or other service well related to such exploration or production, or does own or operate, or may acquire, own or operate such well, the identification and location of said well being:

Empire ABO Unit #415 API No. 30- 015-39009, located 1,650 feet from the  
(Name of Well)  
North (North/South) line and 2,430 feet from the East (East/West) line  
of Section G-2 Township 18S (North) (South), Range 27E (East) (West),  
NMMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico.

NOW, THEREFORE, if the PRINCIPAL and SURETY or either of them, or their successors or assigns or any of them, shall cause said well be properly plugged and abandoned when dry or when no longer productive or useful for other beneficial purpose, in accordance with the rules and orders of the DIVISION, including but not limited to Rules 8.9 [19.15.8.9 NMAC] and 25.10 [19.15.25.10 NMAC], as such rules now exist or may hereafter be amended;

THEN AND IN THAT EVENT, this obligation shall be null and void; otherwise and in default of complete compliance with any and all of said obligations, the same shall remain in full force and effect.

APACHE CORPORATION  
PRINCIPAL  
2000 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 100 Houston, TX 77056-4400  
Address

By James Toups  
Signature  
James Toups - Director of Risk Management  
Title

LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY  
SURETY

175 Berkeley Street Boston, MA 02116  
Address  
Margaret Buboltz  
Margaret Buboltz  
Attorney-in-Fact

If PRINCIPAL is a corporation, affix  
Corporate seal here

Corporate surety affix  
Corporate seal here