



# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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RE:

API Well No	Well Nm	Well No	Wh Sec	Wh Twpn	Wh RngN
3001510084	State 647 AC 721	199	33	18	28

Dear Sirs:

**This second directive is to notify you that this well is still in violation of Rule 201.**

On October 14, 2003, a letter was sent notifying you of the violation of Rule 201. A search of the well files on January 21, 2004, found no correspondence indicating the well had been brought into compliance. **This well(s) must be in physical compliance by the date indicated below.**

A copy of the OCD Rulebook may be obtained on our web page at [www.emnrd.state.nm.us/oed](http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/oed) in pdf format.

Rule 201 of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division provides as follows:

## **201 WELLS TO BE PROPERLY ABANDONED**

201.A. The operator of any well drilled for oil, gas or injection; for seismic, core or other exploration, or for a service well, whether cased or uncased, shall be responsible for the plugging thereof. [7-12-90...2-1-96]

201.B. A well shall be either properly plugged and abandoned or temporarily abandoned in accordance with these rules within ninety (90) days after:

- (1) A sixty (60) day period following suspension of drilling operations, or
- (2) A determination that a well is no longer usable for beneficial purposes, or
- (3) A period of one (1) year in which a well has been continuously inactive.

[7-12-90...2-1-96]

**In the event that a satisfactory response is not received to this letter of direction by February 20, 2004, further enforcement will occur.** Such enforcement may include this office applying to the Division for an order summoning you to a hearing before a Division 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,

Gerry Guye  
Compliance Officer  
NMOCD – District II