## STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

## OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION ARTESIA DISTRICT OFFICE

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Mr. Rodney Webb Rodney B. Webb DBA Webb Oil Co. P.O.Box 1124 Artesia, NM. 88211- 1124

Re; Properly Abandoned Wells;

Dear Rodney;

The state of New Mexico is in the process at this time of reviewing leases to determin the number of abandoned and shut in wells.

Rule 201 A. states "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."

Rule 201 B. A well shall be either properly plugged and abandoned or temporarily abandoned in accordance with these rules within (90) days after {1} a 60 day period following supension of drilling.{2} A determination that the well is no longer beneficial purposes.{3} A period of 1 year in which a well has been continuously inactive.

House Bill 65 has been passed by the legislature and provides some tax incentives for wells put back in production. However, if there are no plans to put a well or wells back in service then plugging or proper temperary abandonment will be required.

Please forward to the Cil Conservation Division office in Artesia by February 2,1998 a plan to bring the following list of wells into compliance with rule 201.

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Yours truly

Rodney Webb DBA Webb Cil Co.

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Welch State # 2 Sec. 16-18-28 Ut. 0 API # 30-015-01885 Humble State # 1 Sec. 9-18-28 Ut. H API # 30-015-02663 East Red Lake # 1 Sec. 2-17-28 Ut. H API # 30-015-01308 # 2 Sec. 1-17-28 Ut. F API # 30-015-01299 # 4 Sec. 36-16-28 Ut. K API # 30-015-10200
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