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RE: Boling # 1 G-31-17-28 API 30-015-01652 Violation of Rule 13, 116, and 103:

Dear Sirs:

This second directive is to notify you that this well is still in violation of these Rules.

On 22 August, 2002 a letter was sent notifying you on the violation of Rule 13, 116, and 103. An inspection on 9-26-02 found no action had been taken.

Rule 13 of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division provides as follows:

13 GENERAL OPERATIONS/WASTE PROHIBITED

13.A. The production or handling of crude petroleum oil or natural gas of any type or in any form, or the handling of products thereof, in such a manner or under such conditions or in such amount as to constitute or result in waste is hereby prohibited. [1-1-50...2-1-96]

13.B. All operators, contractors, drillers, carriers, gas distributors, service companies, pipe pulling and salvaging contractors, treating plant operators or other persons shall at all times conduct their operations in or related to the drilling, equipping, operating, producing, plugging and abandonment of oil, gas, injection, disposal, and storage wells or other facilities in a manner that will prevent waste of oil and gas, the contamination of fresh waters and shall not wastefully utilize oil or gas, or allow either to leak or escape from a natural reservoir, or from wells, tanks, containers, pipe or other storage, conduit or operating equipment. [1-1-50...2-1-96]

Rule 116 of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division provides as follows:

116 RELEASE NOTIFICATION AND CORRECTIVE ACTION [1-1-50...2-1-96; A, 3-15-97]

116.A. NOTIFICATION

(1) The Division shall be notified of any unauthorized release occurring during the drilling, producing, storing, disposing, injecting, transporting, servicing or processing of crude oil, natural gases, produced water, condensate or oil field waste including Regulated NORM, or other oil field related chemicals, contaminants or mixture thereof, in the State of New Mexico in accordance with the requirements of this Rule. [1-1-50...2-1-96; A, 3-15-97]

(2) The Division shall be notified in accordance with this Rule with respect to any release from any facility of oil or other water contaminant, in such quantity as may with reasonable probability be detrimental to water or cause an exceedance of the standards in 19 NMAC 15.A.19. B(1), B(2) or B(3). [3-15-97]

116.B. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: Notification of the above releases shall be made by the

person operating or controlling either the release or the location of the release in accordance with the following requirements: [5-22-73...2-1-96; A, 3-15-97]

(1) A **Major Release** shall be reported by giving **both** immediate verbal notice and timely written notice pursuant to Paragraphs C(1) and C(2) of this Rule. A Major Release is:

(a) an unauthorized release of a volume, excluding natural gases, in excess of 25 barrels;

(b) an unauthorized release of any volume which:

(i) results in a fire;

(ii) will reach a water course;

(iii) may with reasonable probability endanger public health; or

(iv) results in substantial damage to property or the environment;

(c) an unauthorized release of natural gases in excess of 500 mcf; or

(d) a release of any volume which may with reasonable probability be detrimental to water or cause an exceedance of the standards in 19 NMAC

15.A.19. B(1), B(2) or B(3). [3/15/97]

[3-15-97]

(2) A **Minor Release** shall be reported by giving timely written notice pursuant to Paragraph C(2) of this Rule. A Minor Release is an unauthorized release of a volume, greater than 5 barrels but not more than 25 barrels; or greater than 50 mcf but less than 500 mcf of natural gases. [3-15-97]

116.C. CONTENTS OF NOTIFICATION

Immediate verbal notification required pursuant to Paragraph B shall be reported within twenty-four (24) hours of discovery to the Division District Office for the area within which the release takes place. In addition, **immediate verbal notification** pursuant to Subparagraph B.(1).(d). shall be reported to the Division's Environmental Bureau Chief. This notification shall provide the information required on Division Form C-141.

Timely written notification is required to be reported pursuant to Paragraph B within fifteen (15) days to the Division District Office for the area within which the release takes place by completing and filing Division Form C-141. In addition, timely written notification required pursuant to Subparagraph B.(1).(d). shall also be reported to the Division's Environmental Bureau Chief within fifteen (15) days after the release is discovered. The written notification shall verify the prior verbal notification and provide any appropriate additions or corrections to the information contained in the prior verbal notification.

[5-22-73...2-1-96; A, 3-15-97]

116.D **CORRECTIVE ACTION**: The responsible person must complete Division approved corrective action for releases which endanger public health or the environment. Releases will be addressed in accordance with a remediation plan submitted to and approved by the Division or with an abatement plan submitted in accordance with Rule 19 (19 NMAC 15.A.19). [3-15-97]

Rule 103 of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division provides as follows:

103 SIGN ON WELLS

All wells and related facilities by the Division shall be identified by a sign, which sign shall remain in place until the well is plugged and abandoned and the related facilities are closed. For drilling wells, the sign shall be posted on the derrick or not more than 20 feet from the well. The sign shall be of durable construction and the lettering shall be legible and large enough to be read under normal conditions at a distance of 50 feet. The wells on each lease or property shall be numbered in non-repetitive, logical and distinctive sequence. An operator will have 90 days from the effective date of an operator name change to change the operator name on the well sign unless an extension of time, for good cause shown along with a schedule for making the changes, is granted. Each sign shall show the:

1. number of well;
2. name of property;
3. name of operator;

4. location by footage, quarter-quarter section, township and range (or Unit Letter can be substituted for the quarter-quarter section), and

5. API number.

[1-1-50...2-1-96; 6-30-97; A, 3-15-00]

In the event that a satisfactory response is not received to this letter of direction by 28 October, 2002 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,

Van Barton
Field Rep. II