

## NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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## Via Certified Mail

G P II Energy, Inc. P.O. Box 50682 Midland, Texas 79710

**RE:** NOTICE OF VIOLATION:

**NMOCD Rule 201** 

G P II Energy, Inc.

North Square Lake Unit #22 D-29-16-31 API# 30-015-04905 North Square Lake Unit #20 B-30-16-31 API# 30-015-04936 North Square Lake Unit #33 E-30-16-31 API# 30-015-20701 North Square Lake Unit #111 B-33-16-31 API# 30-015-04979

Dear Sirs:

## This letter shall serve as a Notice of Violation of the rules of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.

Yates Petroleum Corp. was by letters dated 10-29-2001 and 2-7-2002 notified about this matter. This certified letter is being sent in part because all directives have brought no response.

## 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.

Your failure to respond to OCD directives and failure to bring these wells into compliance are serious violations of the Rules and merit a severe sanction, up to and including abandonment and plugging.

In the event that a satisfactory response is not received to this N.O.V. by 31March, 2002, this office will apply to the Division for an order showing cause why an appropriate Order permanently abandoning the above-referenced well and for appropriate penalties to be issued.

Respectfully yours,

Tim Gum, District Supervisor, District II

cc: OCD Legal