



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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7/22/2002

BP America
PO Box 1089
Eunice, NM 88231

RE: Empire Abo Unit B #42 (30-015-23007)

Dear Operator:

On 12/4/2001 a Mechanical Integrity test was performed on the above referenced well. The test was to continue the Temporary Abandon status of this well, which expired in September 2001. In the process of testing the well it was found that the casing would not hold pressure as required by NMOC Rule 203. This rule also requires the well to be repaired and retested or plugged and abandoned within 90 days of such a failure.

On January 30, 2002 a letter was sent to your office requesting we be informed of the future status of this well. No reply has been received as of this date.

This well must be in compliance on or before August 22, 2002.

It is imperative that the future status of this well be furnished to this office immediately. If the well has been returned to production please furnish form C-103 with complete and specific information as to the repair of the well. If the well has not been returned to production please furnish form C-103 with the procedure you intend to use to bring this well into compliance.

In the event that a satisfactory response is not received to this letter of direction by August 5, 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.

Respectfully,

Gerry Guye
Compliance Officer
District II - Artesia



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RE: Empire Abo Unit B #42 (30-015-23007)



Dear Operator:

On 12/4/2001 a Mechanical Integrity test was performed on the above referenced well. The test was to continue the Temporary Abandon status of this well, which expired in September 2001. In the process of testing the well it was found that the casing would not hold pressure as required by NMOC Rule 203. This rule also requires the well to be repaired and retested or plugged and abandoned within 90 days of such a failure.

On January 30, 2002 a letter was sent to your office requesting we be informed of the future status of this well. No reply has been received as of this date.

This well must be in compliance on or before August 15, 2002.

It is imperative that the future status of this well be furnished to this office immediately. If the well has been returned to production please furnish form C-103 with complete and specific information as to the repair of the well. If the well has not been returned to production please furnish form C-103 with the procedure you intend to use to bring this well into compliance.

In the event that a satisfactory response is not received to this letter of direction by August 1, 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.

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