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RPM Energy Inc.
P.O. Box 1207
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Re: Properly Abandoned Wells, State #1, 2 & 3, Exxon #1, Exxon A #1
and #2, Eddy County New Mexico.

The state of New Mexico is in the process at this time of reviewing
leases and determining the number of abandoned 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. states 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 suspension of
drilling. (2) a determination that the well is no longer usable
for 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 these wells back into service then they need to be
either plugged or properly temporarily abandoned.

The last reported production on the above captioned wells was 1982
to 1985. Please forward to the NMOCDA Artesia office by April 15, 1997
a plan to bring these wells into compliance with Rule 201.

Failure to respond will result in us asking our legal department in
Santa Fe to schedule a hearing so you may appear and show cause why
these wells should not be plugged.

Yours Truly



Tim W. Gum
District II Supervisor