



# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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Nearburg Producing Company  
3300 North "A" Street, Building 2, Suite 120  
Midland, TX. 79705  
Attn: Butch Willis

**RE:   *Nearburg Producing Company's, Hagaman '34' Well #1, located in Section 3,  
Lot 1, Township 17 South, Range 25 East, Eddy County, New Mexico, NMPM***

Dear Mr. Willis,

It has been brought to our attention by a recent field inspection and a notification from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) that the above referenced well is non-compliant to NMOCD rules that govern the proper plug and abandonment for oil and gas wells. Our field inspection shows that the reserve pits have not been filled and leveled, the cellar remains open and misc. oil field related material such as casing collars, etc. remain on location. Due to the wells' proximity to the City of Artesia and the Federal Law Enforcement Firing Range, the OCD is requesting that Nearburg Producing Company address this situation immediately not only for the noncompliance issue, but also for safety reasons. Please refer to NMOCD rules and regulations for proper plugging and abandonment, Rule, 202.B. If you have any questions regarding this issue please call me at the phone number listed below.

Respectfully Yours,

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