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B & W OIL CO
R-252 N HALDEMAN RD
Artesia, New Mexico 88210

RE: Artesia Metex Unit # 13	J-19-18-28	30-015-01951	Violation of Rule 201 & 103: Well needs to be properly abandoned and identified.
Artesia Metex Unit # 14	J-19-18-28	30-015-01947	Violation of Rule 201 & 103: Well needs to be properly abandoned and identified.

Dear Sirs:

This second directive is to notify you that these wells are still in violation of Rule 201 and 103.

On 9 September, 2002 a letter was sent notifying you on the violation of Rule 201 and 103 found no work had been done.

Rule 201 of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division provides as follows:

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.

These wells must be brought into compliance on or before 13 October, 2002.

In the event that a satisfactory response is not received to this letter of direction by 13 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