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Melrose Operating  
5813 Grand Blvd. Ste B  
Oklahoma City, Ok 73118

RE: State 647 AC 711 Well # 100 A-27-18-28 API# 30-015-20254

Dear Sirs:

An inspection of this well found it not to be producing. A search of the file found the well was Temporarily Abandoned, but the duration of TA had expired. This well is in violation of Rule 201

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.

To bring the well into compliance you have 3 options:

1. Put the well into production or injection.
2. T.A. the well.
3. P. A. the well.

**In the event that a satisfactory response is not received to this letter of direction by 31 January, 2003,** 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