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RE: Welch Duke State # 1 F-28-18-28 API 30-015-02080 Violation of Rule 201:
Idle Well

Dear Sirs:

This second directive is to notify you that this well is still in violation of Rule 201.

On 21 August, 2002 a letter was sent notifying you on the violation of Rule 201. An inspection on 9-26-02 found no action had been taken.

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.
- [7-12-90...2-1-96]

In the event that a satisfactory response is not received to this letter of direction by 28 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