

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
ARTESIA DISTRICT OFFICE

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Mariah Energy Corporation
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Re; Properly Abandoned Wells; North Benson Queen Unit # 31
Sec. 32-18-30 Ut. D Eddy Co.

Dear Sir,

The state of New Mexico is in the process at this time of reviewing leases to determine the number of abandoned and shut in wells.

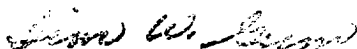
Rule 201 A. states " The operator of any well drilled for oil, gas or injection, for seismic, core or other exploration, or for a service well, whether cased or uncased, shall be responsible for the plugging thereof."

Rule 201 B. 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 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 a well or wells back in service then plugging or proper temporary abandonment will be required.

Please forward to the Oil Conservation Division office in Artesia by January 2, 1998 a plan to bring the above captioned well into compliance with rule 201. There has been no production or injection in this well from 1993 to 1997 and failure to respond to this request will result in us asking our legal department in Santa Fe to schedule a hearing so you may appear and show cause why this well should not be plugged.

Yours truly,



Tim Gum

