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NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Dear Sirs:

A review of our records and recent inspection(s) indicate that the subject well(s) has been shut-in for an extended period of time. Division Order R-9210 states that an operator cannot leave a well shut-in longer than one year. To comply with guidelines as established in the Division Rules and Regulations, corrective actions must be taken immediately and the situation brought into compliance. The following options are available for the future of the well(s). The detail section below indicates preliminary findings and/or probable nature of the violation. This is a subjective determination based on one or more factors of the results of the inspection.

1. Restore the well(s) to production, injection or disposal as applicable.
2. Request 'Temporary Abandoned' status; set a plug and conduct a mechanical integrity test.
3. Submit a proposal to 'Plug and Abandon' the well(s), proceed with plugging procedures on a timely basis after the proposal has been evaluated, amended and/or approved.

To avoid further action, we request that you exercise one of the above options no later than the "Corrective Action" date indicated below.

This Notice of Violation is the first step in the documentation to take the well to Show Cause Hearing as to why the bond should not be forfeited and the well plugged. Please notify this office at least 24 hours prior to any repair and/or plugging, subsequent mechanical integrity test, or to request TA status for the well(s).

IDLE WELL INSPECTION DETAIL SECTION

INDIAN BASIN GAS COM 001	E-23-21S-23E	30-015-00037-00-0	Inspection No. iGEG0122036327
Inspection Date:	8/8/01 10:05:20 AM	Corrective Action Due by:	8/31/01
Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?
Routine/Periodic	Gerry Guye	Yes	No
Comments on Inspection:	Violation of Rule 705 - Idle well		

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and your efforts in helping to protect our environment and the infra-structure of the oil and gas industry.

Sincerely,

Tim Gum, District II, Supervisor

*Approved by Tim
8/31/01*