



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS  
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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
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**Certified Mail**  
**Return Receipt Requested**

Merit Energy Company  
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RE: Case No. 12279 Application of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for an order requiring Merit Energy Company to plug three wells in Eddy County, NM

Aetna Casualty & Surety Co. Bond No: 71S100832237BCA

Dear Sir/Madam:

This letter is to advise you that the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division has filed the enclosed application for a hearing requiring Merit Energy Company and other interested parties to appear and show cause why certain wells should not be ordered plugged and abandoned.

This application has been set for hearing before an Examiner of the Oil Conservation Division on November 4, 1999. You are not required to attend this hearing, but as an owner of an interest that may be affected by an order issued in this case, you may appear and present testimony. Failure to appear at that time and become a party of record will preclude you from challenging the matter at a later date.

Parties appearing in cases are required (Rule 1208.B—Enclosed) to file a Prehearing Statement three days in advance of the hearing.

Very truly yours,

Rand Carroll  
Legal Counsel

Enclosures

c: **Tim Stubblefield**, OCD Artesia  
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