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NM-19199

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Pogo Producing Company
P. O. Box 10340
Midland, TX 79702-7340

RE: NM-19199; Cal Mon Nos. 2, 3, & 5
SENW/SWNE, Sec. 35, T23S, R31E
Eddy County, New Mexico

Gentlemen:

Our records show the above referenced wells are operated by you and are reported as Shut-In (SI) or Temporarily Abandoned (TA). The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Minerals Management Service (MMS) definition of a shut-in well is a completion that is physically and mechanically capable of production in paying quantities or capable of service use. The definition of a temporarily abandoned well is a completion that is not capable of production in paying quantities but which may have value as a service completion. According to our records the wells referenced above have been shut-in for 6 months or longer or have been temporarily abandoned without authorization. 43 CFR 3162.3-4(c) requires that wells incapable of production in paying quantities be promptly plugged and abandoned and requires approval for any well temporarily abandoned for more than 30 days.

Accordingly, you are to take one of the following actions for each well listed:

1. Return the well to production or beneficial use.
2. Plug and abandon the well.
3. Request approval for temporary abandonment and include a schedule for casing integrity testing.

If you decide to return the wells to production or beneficial use, submit a Sundry Notice of intent within 30 business days of receipt of this letter. Include the date you anticipate the wells being placed back in service. Use Form 3160-5 and submit the original and 5 copies for each well. 43 CFR 3162.4-1(c) also requires you to notify the Authorized Officer, not later than the fifth business day after production is resumed for any well which has been off production for more than 90 days, the date on which such production was resumed. Notification may be by letter or Sundry Notice, or orally followed by letter or Sundry Notice.

If you decide to plug and abandon the wells, submit a separate Sundry Notice (Form 3160-5, original and 5 copies) for each well within 30 business days of receipt of this letter and describe the proposed plugging program.