

## NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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Cheryl O'Connor, Assistant General Counsel Oil Conservation Division, NMEMNR 1220 South St. Francis Drive Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Northstar Oil and Gas

Davie #1, M Sec 02 29N 15W, API 30-45-25092 Barbara #1, P 12, 29N 15W, API 30-045-24263

Financial assurance: AMWEST SURETY INSURANCE Bond # 1339364

## Dear Cheryl:

Northstar Oil and Gas is not in compliance with Oil Conservation Division Rules on the above listed wells. See OCD Rule 201 [19.15.4.201 NMAC].

On numerous occasions I have contacted Northstar Oil and Gas' representative, Mr. John Corbett, regarding the above listed wells. Each time Mr. Corbett advised that he is selling the wells. The last reported production was in 1991.

Therefore, I am requesting that you <u>schedule an enforcement hearing</u> before an OCD hearing examiner seeking an Order requiring that the wells be properly plugged and abandoned pursuant to NMSA 1978, section 70-2-14(B). That statute provides:

If any of the requirements of the Oil and Gas Act or the rules promulgated pursuant to that act have not been complied with, the oil conservation division, after notice and hearing, may order any well plugged and abandoned by the operator or surety or both in accordance with division rules. If the order is not complied with in the time period set out in the order, the financial assurance shall be forfeited. (Emphasis added.)

If you have any questions, please call me at 505-334-6178, ext. 11.

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Sincerely yours,

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