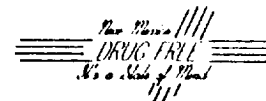




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RE: Temporarily Abandoned Wells
Newsom #13, E-20-26N-08W
Nickson #17, I-22-26N-08W
Hodges #4, G-27-26N-08W
Hodges #3, J-34-26N-08W

To Whom It May Concern:

Our records indicate that the above wells are inactive and require P&A or TA approval under Rules 201, 202 and 203. Please review your records and contact this office indicating the current status of these wells. Plans to bring these wells into compliance are to be submitted by September 1, 1993 and work completed by June 1, 1994. Rule 203 requires that a notice of intent to temporarily abandon a well be submitted on a Sundry Notice (OCD form C-103), and that a mechanical integrity test (MIT) be conducted on the casing prior to final approval. If there is a notice of intent to P&A filed and approved for this well, the work is to be completed by June 1, 1994.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact this office.

Yours truly,

Dianna K. Fairhurst

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Deputy Oil & Gas Inspector

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