

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

**IN RE: NOTICE OF VIOLATION ISSUED TO BLUE RUBY OPERATING, LLC  
OGRID # 371553**

**CASE NO. 25928**


**OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION'S  
DOCKETING NOTICE**

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("OCD"), pursuant to 19.15.5.10(E)(2)(a) NMAC, gives notice that it has docketed the Notice of Violation ("NOV"), a true and correct copy of which is attached as **Exhibit A**, and states the following in support thereof:

1. On or about January 21, 2026 OCD issued an original NOV to Blue Ruby Operating, LLC ("Operator"), OGRID #371553.
2. Based upon information, custom, and belief, certified mail containing the NOV arrived or will soon arrive at Operator's address of record. Additionally, electronic mail was sent to Operator's known email addresses of record.
3. The NOV identifies the factual basis for the alleged violations, the compliance actions required to remedy the alleged violations, and the proposed sanctions.
4. The Original NOV stated that if Operator did not informally resolve the NOV within 30 days of receipt of service, then OCD would proceed to a hearing.
5. Unless this case is resolved prior, the period for informal resolution will have elapsed without coming to a resolution prior to March 5, 2026.
6. The NOV states that OCD will hold a hearing on March 5, 2026, should this case fail to be resolved prior to that date.

WHEREFORE, OCD requests that the NOV be docketed for hearing on March 5, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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## EXHIBIT A

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Oil Conservation Division



**BY CERTIFIED MAIL AND ELECTRONIC MAIL**

January 21, 2026

BLUE RUBY OPERATING, LLC  
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**NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

The Director of the Oil Conservation Division (“OCD”) issues this Notice of Violation (“NOV”) pursuant to 19.15.5.10 NMAC.

1. **Alleged Violator:** BLUE RUBY OPERATING, LLC, OGRID # 371553 (“Operator”).
2. **Factual and Legal Basis for Alleged Violation(s):**

Operator is the registered operator of eight (8) wells. The eight (8) wells identified in **Exhibit A** have been continuously inactive since at least November 2020, and therefore out of compliance with 19.15.25.8 NMAC and are not already subject to an agreed compliance or final order.

These alleged facts constitute violations of the following:

***19.15.25.8 NMAC:***

A. *The operator of wells drilled for oil or gas or services wells including seismic, core, exploration or injection wells, whether cased or uncased, shall plug the wells as Subsection B of 19.15.25.8 NMAC requires.*

B. *The operator shall either properly plug and abandon a well or place the well in approved temporary abandonment in accordance with 19.15.25 NMAC within 90 days after:*

1. *a 60 day period following suspension of drilling operations;*
2. *a determination that a well is no longer usable for beneficial purposes; or*
3. *a period of one year in which a well has been continuously inactive.*

***19.15.5.9(A) NMAC:***

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*An operator is in compliance with Subsection A of 19.15.5.9 NMAC if the operator...*

- 4. has no more than the following number of wells out of compliance with 19.15.25.8 NMAC that are not subject to an agreed compliance or final order setting a schedule for bringing the wells into compliance with 19.15.25.8 NMAC and imposing sanctions if the schedule is not met:*
  - (a) two wells or fifty percent of the wells the operator operates, whichever is less, if the operator operates 100 wells or less;*
  - (b) five wells if the operator operates between 101 and 500 wells;*
  - (c) seven wells if the operator operates between 501 and 1000 wells;*  
*and*
  - (d) 10 wells if the operator operates more than 1000 wells.*
3. **Compliance:** No later than thirty (30) days after receipt of this NOV, Operator shall:
  - a. plug and abandon the eight (8) wells listed in **Exhibit A**.
4. **Sanction(s):** OCD may impose one or more of the following sanctions:
  - a. civil penalty;
  - b. modification, suspension, cancellation, or termination of a permit or authorization;
  - c. plugging and abandonment of well(s);
  - d. remediation and restoration of well location(s) and associated facilities, including the removal of surface and subsurface equipment and other materials;
  - e. remediation and restoration of location(s) affected by a spill or release;
  - f. forfeiture of financial assurance;
  - g. shutting in well(s); and
  - h. any other remedy authorized by law.

For the alleged violations described above, OCD proposes the following sanctions:

- a. **Plug and Abandon Wells:** OCD will request an order requiring Operator to plug and abandon wells listed in **Exhibit A**, and/or an order authorizing OCD to plug and abandon those wells.
- b. **Termination of Authorization to Transport:** OCD will request an order terminating Operator's authority to transport from all wells listed in **Exhibit A**.
- c. **Civil Penalties:** OCD proposes to assess civil penalties as specified below. The civil penalty calculations are attached. OCD has taken into consideration the alleged violator's good faith effort (or lack thereof) to comply with the applicable requirements. Copies of the civil penalty calculations are attached as **Exhibit B**.

Civil Penalty: \$3,600.00

5. **Informal resolution:** A process is available to informally discuss and resolve the NOV. This process will run for 30 days from the date of your receipt of this letter. To initiate this

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process, contact the OCD employee identified at the end of this letter.

6. **Hearing**: OCD will docket this matter for March 5, 2026, at which time this case will move forward to a formal hearing should informal resolution be unsuccessful. Please see 19.15.5.10 NMAC for more information regarding the hearing.

For more information regarding this NOV, contact Michael Hall at (505) 479-1137  
or [Michael.Hall@emnrd.nm.gov](mailto:Michael.Hall@emnrd.nm.gov)

Regards,



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Albert C.S. Chang  
Director, Oil Conservation Division

cc: Office of General Counsel, EMNRD

## EXHIBIT A

# Inactive Well List

Total Well Count: 8 Inactive Well Count: 8

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District	API	Well	UL STR	OCD Unit	Ogrid	Operator	Lease Type	Surface Owner	Well Type	Last Production	Formation/Notes	Status	TA Exp Date
1	30-025-28198	BARNHILL #001	L-01-14S-37E	L	371553	BLUE RUBY OPERATING, LLC	P	P	O	10/2020	DHC 4407 DEEPEN 08/18/2011		
1	30-025-29020	JORDAN B #001	O-11-20S-35E	O	371553	BLUE RUBY OPERATING, LLC	P	P	G	11/2020	WOLFCAMP		
1	30-025-34559	LISA STATE #001	A-19-20S-38E	A	371553	BLUE RUBY OPERATING, LLC	P	P	O	12/2018	SEVEN RIVERS		
1	30-025-34758	LISA STATE #003	H-19-20S-38E	H	371553	BLUE RUBY OPERATING, LLC	P	P	O	12/2018	SEVEN RIVERS		
1	30-025-28295	POST #002	M-01-14S-37E	M	371553	BLUE RUBY OPERATING, LLC	P	P	O	10/2020	S KING DEVONIAN RWTP 05/07/2012		
1	30-025-28576	POST #003	D-12-14S-37E	D	371553	BLUE RUBY OPERATING, LLC	P	P	O	11/2020	INT TO PA 03/08/2012; SEE F9		
1	30-025-27457	SIMS 35 STATE #001	B-35-20S-35E	B	371553	BLUE RUBY OPERATING, LLC	S	P	G	11/2020	WOLFCAMP-MORROW DHC		
1	30-025-27785	SIMS 35 STATE #002	J-35-20S-35E	J	371553	BLUE RUBY OPERATING, LLC	S	P	G	11/2020	WOLFCAMP/MORROW DHC		

## EXHIBIT B

Alleged Violator	BLUE RUBY OPERATING, LLC	
Alleged Violator OGRID	371553	
History of Non-Compliance	No history less than 50 wells or gross sales less than \$500,000	0
Economic Impact		0
Total Penalty	\$	3,600



API # or Facility ID	Violation Citation	Type of Violation	Description	MinPA(\$)	Multi Day / Single Day	Days in violation	Days Penalized	Penalty Subtotal	Effort to Comply	Negligence and Willfulness	Factor Subtotal	Outstanding Conditions	TOTAL	Comments
30-025-28198	5.9(A)(4)(a)	each inactive well exceeding the threshold		\$ 250	Single	1	1	\$ 250	No Cooperation or Compliance	0.6 Negligence	0.2 1.8	No outstanding conditions	\$ 2,500.00 \$ 450	
30-025-29020	5.9(A)(4)(a)	each inactive well exceeding the threshold		\$ 250	Single	1	1	\$ 250	No Cooperation or Compliance	0.6 Negligence	0.2 1.8	No outstanding conditions	\$ 2,500.00 \$ 450	
30-025-34559	5.9(A)(4)(a)	each inactive well exceeding the threshold		\$ 250	Single	1	1	\$ 250	No Cooperation or Compliance	0.6 Negligence	0.2 1.8	No outstanding conditions	\$ 2,500.00 \$ 450	
30-025-34758	5.9(A)(4)(a)	each inactive well exceeding the threshold		\$ 250	Single	1	1	\$ 250	No Cooperation or Compliance	0.6 Negligence	0.2 1.8	No outstanding conditions	\$ 2,500.00 \$ 450	
30-025-28295	5.9(A)(4)(a)	each inactive well exceeding the threshold		\$ 250	Single	1	1	\$ 250	No Cooperation or Compliance	0.6 Negligence	0.2 1.8	No outstanding conditions	\$ 2,500.00 \$ 450	
30-025-28576	5.9(A)(4)(a)	each inactive well exceeding the threshold		\$ 250	Single	1	1	\$ 250	No Cooperation or Compliance	0.6 Negligence	0.2 1.8	No outstanding conditions	\$ 2,500.00 \$ 450	
30-025-27457	5.9(A)(4)(a)	each inactive well exceeding the threshold		\$ 250	Single	1	1	\$ 250	No Cooperation or Compliance	0.6 Negligence	0.2 1.8	No outstanding conditions	\$ 2,500.00 \$ 450	
30-025-27785	5.9(A)(4)(a)	each inactive well exceeding the threshold		\$ 250	Single	1	1	\$ 250	No Cooperation or Compliance	0.6 Negligence	0.2 1.8	No outstanding conditions	\$ 2,500.00 \$ 450	