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August 25, 2017

RKI Exploration and Production, LLC  
C/o Josh Walker  
3500 One Williams Center MD-35  
Tulsa, OK 74172

RE: **Expired Disposal Permit SWD-1553**  
Den SWD Well No. 1 (API 30-015-42990)  
330' FSL, 1320' FEL; Unit P, Sec 25, T23S, R27E, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico  
Order Date: May 13, 2015  
Injection into the Bell Canyon and upper Cherry Canyon formations of the Delaware  
Mountain Group; approved interval: 2395 feet to 4395 feet

Dear Mr. Walker,

Pursuant to 19.15.26.12.C NMAC, the OCD disposal permit SWD-1553 has terminated as of May 13, 2017. The disposal authority granted for this well has terminated because RKI Exploration and Production, LLC has not commenced injection operations into this well. Any further use of this well for disposal will be in violation of OCD rules, the United States Safe Drinking Water Act and the Environmental Protection Agency's Underground Injection Control Program.

Division Rule 19.15.26.12.C NMAC states the following:

*Whenever there is a continuous one year period of non-injection into all wells in an injection or storage project or into a salt water disposal well or special purpose injection well, the division shall consider the project or well abandoned, and the authority for injection shall automatically terminate ipso facto.*

Non-reporting of disposal to the Division is considered as "non-injection" for purposes of triggering automatic termination of the authority to use the well for disposal. Pursuant to Division Rule 19.15.7.24 NMAC, disposal volumes must be reported on or before the 15th day of the second month following the month of disposal on OCD Form C-115 (Monthly Production Reports). Failure to report disposal to the OCD is a violation of OCD rules and the Oil and Gas Act, NMSA 1978 § 70-2 *et seq.*, and could be punishable by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day for each violation. NMSA 1978 § 70-2-31.

RKI Exploration and Production, LLC must immediately ensure this well is shut-in and disconnected from incoming disposal sources.

If you wish to again use this well for disposal, you must apply for a new disposal permit pursuant to Division Rule 19.15.26.8 NMAC after proper notice using form C-108 either through the administrative process or an examiner hearing. The well must not again be used for disposal until such permit has been approved, all conditions of approval completed, the well passes a new Mechanical Integrity Test, and the District office of the Division has approved a new form C-104.

Please also be aware that pursuant to Division Rule 19.15.25.8 NMAC, or any applicable Agreed Compliance Order, this well has a limited time in which it must be returned to service, temporarily abandoned, or plugged and abandoned. For deadlines, please refer to said rule or agreement.

If you have any questions regarding the procedure to obtain a new disposal permit for this well, please contact William Jones at (505) 476-3477 or Phillip Goetze at (505) 476-3466. If you have questions as to C-115 reporting, inactive well status, or other compliance issues, contact Mr. Daniel Sanchez at (505) 476-3493.

Sincerely,



Scott Dawson  
Petroleum Engineering Specialist  
Oil Conservation Division, Santa Fe

CC: SWD-1553 / RBDMS Records / API No. 30-015-42990  
Richard Inge, Oil Conservation Division - Artesia District  
Keith Herrmann, EMNRD Assistant General Counsel