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**February 12, 2008**

Mr. Matthew L. Pride  
Pride Energy Company  
P.O. Box 701950  
Tulsa, OK 74170-1950

**RE: REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT ABATEMENT PLAN  
PRIDE ENERGY - SOUTH FOUR LAKES #15 DRILLING PIT  
SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 34 EAST  
LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO  
OCD CASE NUMBER: AP078**

Dear Mr. Pride:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has determined that Pride Energy Company (Pride) must submit a Stage 1 Abatement Plan in accordance with OCD's Rule 19 (19.15.1.19 NMAC) to investigate ground water contamination at its South Four Lakes #14 drilling pit located in Section 2, Township 12 South, Range 34 East, Lea County, New Mexico. The Stage 1 Abatement Plan proposal must be submitted to the OCD Santa Fe Office with a copy provided to the OCD Hobbs District Office and must meet all the requirements specified in OCD Rule 19 (19.15.1.19 NMAC), including, but not limited to, the public notice and participation requirements specified in Rule 19G. The Stage 1 Abatement Plan is due sixty (60) days from the receipt by Pride of this written notice.

Pride's Stage 1 Abatement Plan must specifically meet all of the requirements specified in OCD Rule 19E.3, including, but not limited to, a site investigation work plan and monitoring program that will enable it to characterize the chloride release using an appropriate number of isoconcentration maps and cross sections that depict the contamination that has been released from the former pit and to provide the data necessary to select and design an effective abatement option. Pride may, if it chooses, concurrently submit a Stage 2 Abatement Plan that addresses appropriate proactive abatement options.

Mr. Brad Blevins  
August 8, 2006  
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Pride should submit one paper copy with and an electronic copy on CD of all future workplans and/or reports. Please include "**OCD Case No. AP078**" on all future correspondence. If you have any questions, please contact Glenn von Gonten of my staff at (505) 476-3488.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'W Price', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Wayne Price  
Environmental Bureau Chief

WP/gvg

cc: Chris Williams  
Larry Johnson