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

IN THE MATTER OF THE HEARING CALLED  
BY THE OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR  
THE PURPOSE OF CONSIDERING:

CASE NO. 14326  
ORDER NO. R-13166

APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION ("DIVISION") THROUGH THE ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE MANAGER FOR A COMPLIANCE ORDER AGAINST NACOGDOCHES OIL AND GAS, INC. [OGRID 256689] FINDING THAT OPERATOR IS IN VIOLATION OF 19.15.8.9 NMAC, 19.15.25.8 NMAC, AND 19.15.7.24 NMAC; REQUIRING THAT OPERATOR PLUG AND ABANDON ALL 121 OF ITS WELLS IN NEW MEXICO BY A DATE CERTAIN; AND IN THE EVENT OF NON-COMPLIANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION TO PLUG AND ABANDON THE WELLS, AND FORFEIT ANY APPLICABLE FINANCIAL ASSURANCE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 70-2-14(B) NMSA 1978.

ORDER OF THE DIVISION

BY THE DIVISION:

This case came on for hearing at 8:15 a.m. on July 9, 2009, at Santa Fe, New Mexico, before Examiner Richard I. Ezeanyim, and again on August 20, 2009 before examiner David K. Brooks.

NOW, on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September 2009, the Division Director, having considered the testimony, the record, and the recommendations of the Examiners,

FINDS THAT:

(1) Due public notice has been given, and the Division has jurisdiction of this case and its subject matter.

(2) The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division ("Division") seeks an order requiring Nacogdoches Oil and Gas, Inc. ("NOG" or "Nacogdoches" or "Operator") to plug and abandon all 121 of its wells identified on Exhibit "A" attached to this order [Titled Nacogdoches Case No. 14326 -121 Inactive wells in violation of OCD Rule 19.15.25.8 NMAC at the time OCD Filed the Application] or alternatively transfer these wells to

another unaffiliated operator by a date certain, or in the event that Operator fails to do so, pursuant to Section 70-2-14(B) NMSA 1978, authorizing the Division to plug and abandon all such wells and forfeit any applicable financial assurances.

(3) The Division appeared at the hearing through legal counsel and presented the following testimony.

(a) Nacogdoches Oil and Gas, Inc. acquired 183 wells from Mountain States Petroleum on August 31, 2007, and is the current operator of these wells at the time of the hearing;

(b) On April 20, 2009, **121** of these wells as shown in **EXHIBIT "A"** attached to this order were inactive in violation of Division Rule 19.15.25.8 NMAC;

(c) Further, on April 20, 2009, **39** of these wells as shown in **EXHIBIT "B"** attached to this order required single well financial assurances for state and fee lands because they were in violation of Division Rule 19.15.8.9(C);

(d) Nacogdoches also failed to report production on a monthly basis in violation of Division Rule 19.15.7.24 NMAC; and

(e) Nacogdoches is out of compliance with Division Rule 19.15.5.9 NMAC.

(4) On April 23, 2009, the Division filed an application for a compliance order against Nacogdoches Oil and Gas, Inc. This case was initially heard on July 9, 2009.

(5) The witness for the Division testified that on July 8, 2009, just a day before the hearing, Nacogdoches still has **86** wells in the inactive well list in violation of Division Rule 19.15.25.8 NMAC, and **28** wells still required single well financial assurances in violation of Division Rule 19.15.8.9(C).

(6) The Division's financial assurance administrator testified by affidavit that Nacogdoches Oil and Gas, Inc. posted \$50,000 blanket plugging financial assurance Number LOCA276171, through Compass Bank, 24 Greenway Plaza, Suite 1601, Houston Texas 77046. She also testified that as of April 23, 2009, the date of filing this application, NOG has 39 wells that required single well financial assurances, and by July 8, 2009, NOG has 28 wells that still required single well financial assurances. She further testified that the blanket financial assurance and any single well financial assurances posted by NOG have been provided in the form of Letters of Credit.

(7) Nacogdoches Oil and Gas, Inc. appeared at the hearing through legal counsel and presented the following testimony:

(i) Nacogdoches Oil and Gas, Inc. acquired the 183 wells from Mountain States Petroleum on August 31, 2007, however, the Division did not recognize Nacogdoches as the

operator of those wells until March 18, 2008. As a consequence, all the production was reported under Mountain States Petroleum, the prior operator of these wells;

(ii) Nacogdoches has worked very hard to return the wells to production or injection after acquiring the Wells from Mountain States Petroleum;

(iii) Recently Nacogdoches filed an application for a salt water disposal well, but the application was continued indefinitely because Nacogdoches was out of compliance with Division Rule 19.15.5.9;

(iv) Several wells could come into compliance with the Division Rules if the salt water disposal well is approved namely: (1) some of the shut-in producing wells could be put on production again, (2) the injection wells that failed Mechanical Integrity Tests (MITs) or that have constant sand problems could be replaced with the new salt water disposal well;

(v) If additional wells are allowed to be put on production by approving the salt water disposal well, the project will be economical. The project can produce between 300 to 400 barrels of oil per day; and

(vi) Nacogdoches has spent approximately \$8 million in capital investment for the purchase of hardware, pipe, flow lines, plugging equipment, acid trucks, pulling units, and bulldozers, and this does not include the purchase price of the property.

(8) After the hearing on July 9, 2009, the case was continued to August 20, 2009, to enable the Operator to come into compliance with all the Division Rules. Specific instructions given to the Operator to ensure that it complies with the Division Rules include the following: (1) bring all its inactive wells into compliance with Rule 19.15.25.8 NMAC; (2) post all additional financial assurances; and (3) file all the production and injection reports on form C-115. If on August 20, 2009, the Operator had complied with all these requirements to the satisfaction of the Compliance and Enforcement Manager, this case would therefore be dismissed. Should the Operator fail to comply with all these requirements on this date, then this case would be taken under advisement and an order entered.

**The Division determined the following:**

(9) At the August 20, 2009 hearing, it was determined that the Operator failed to comply with all the Division Rules, the specific instructions and requirements outlined on July 9, 2009, and therefore, the case was accordingly taken under advisement.

(10) Evidence presented by the Division at the hearing on August 20, 2009, indicated that there were still 48 inactive wells in violation of Division Rules 19.15.5.9 NMAC, and 19.15.25.8 NMAC. These wells are shown on **EXHIBIT "C"** attached to this order.

(11) Nacogdoches did bring 38 wells out of 86 wells into compliance by August 20, 2009 [86-48 = 38].

(12) Nacogdoches complied with the financial assurance requirements even though some single well financial assurances were posted on the morning of August 20, 2009, just before the hearing.

(13) Nacogdoches has complied with the monthly reporting requirements of the Division.

(14) The Operator however, could not demonstrate that it has complied with all the Division Rules, and for failure to comply with all the Rules, and specific requirements by August 20, 2009, the Operator is still in violation of Division Rule 19.15.5.9 NMAC. As a consequence, the Operator should be ordered to take one of the following actions with respect to each of the 48 inactive wells on or before December 31, 2009:

- (a) Plug and abandon the wells.
- (b) Obtain OCD approved temporary abandonment status for the wells.
- (c) Return the wells to regular production or injection.
- (d) Transfer the wells to another unaffiliated operator.

(15) Should the Operator fail to comply with this Order by December 31, 2009, then:

(a) its blanket plugging financial assurance, and any single well financial assurances applicable to wells remaining out of compliance with the Rules shall be forfeited;

(b) the Division may proceed to plug and abandon any well that remains out of compliance with Division Rules, and the Operator shall, immediately upon presentation of an invoice, reimburse the Division for all costs incurred in properly plugging and abandoning any such well, in excess of applicable financial assurance proceeds; and

(c) after notice to the Operator and opportunity for a hearing, unless the Operator demonstrates that it has, in fact, complied with all the requirements of this Order by December 31, 2009, the Division Director may order the Operator to shut in all of the wells that it operates until it replaces the blanket financial assurances herein declared forfeited, and furnishes any additional financial assurances required for continuation of its operations under applicable Division Rules.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

(1) Pursuant to the application of the Division, Nacogdoches Oil and Gas, Inc. is hereby ordered to take one of the following actions on or before December 31, 2009:

- (a) Plug and abandon the wells.
- (b) Obtain OCD approved temporary abandonment status for the wells.
- (c) Return the wells to regular production or injection.
- (d) Transfer the wells to another unaffiliated operator.

(2) Should the Operator fail to comply with this Order by December 31, 2009, then:

(a) its blanket plugging financial assurance, and any single well financial assurances applicable to the wells remaining out of compliance with the Rules shall be forfeited;

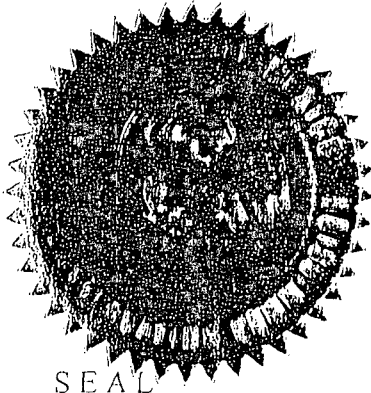
(b) the Division may proceed to plug and abandon any well that remains out of compliance with Division Rules, and the Operator shall, immediately upon presentation of an invoice, reimburse the Division for all costs incurred in properly plugging and abandoning any such well, in excess of applicable financial assurance proceeds; and

(c) after notice to the Operator and opportunity for a hearing, unless the Operator demonstrates that it has, in fact, complied with all the requirements of this Order by December 31, 2009, the Division Director may order the Operator to shut in all of the wells that it operates until it replaces the blanket financial assurances herein declared forfeited, and furnishes any additional financial assurances required for continuation of its operations under applicable Division Rules.

(3) On the other hand, should the Operator comply with all the provisions of this order by December 31, 2009, it shall be allowed to re-open its salt water disposal application which was continued indefinitely.

(4) Jurisdiction of this case is retained for the entry of such further orders as the Division may deem necessary.

DONE at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the day and year hereinabove designated.



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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mark E. Fesmire".

MARK E. FESMIRE, P.E.  
Director

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EXHIBIT "A" Nacogdoches - Case No. 14326 - 121 Wells Inactive [in violation of OCD Rule 19.15.25.8] at time Application Filed by OC

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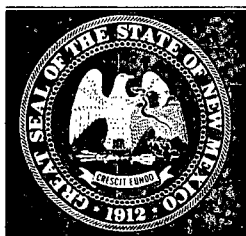
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EXHIBIT "C" Nacogdoches - Case No. 14326 -48 Wells Inactive [in violation of OCD Rule 19.15.25.8] as of 8/20/09  
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1	02/25/08  11/06/08	Southwestern, Inc.	<b>R-12909</b> Case No. 14007 <b>R-12909-A</b>	Violation of Rule 201.B Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive wells.	Order requiring operator to plug wells by 04/30/08, and allowing OCD to plug them if operator fails and collect a \$6K penalty. Amendment A grants Division formal authority to collect the \$6K civil penalty
2	02/25/08	Rojo Grande Company, LLC	<b>R-12908</b> Case No. 13980	Violation of Rule 201.B Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive wells.	Order requiring operator to plug wells by 05/31/08, and allowing OCD to plug them if operator fails.
3	03/03/08  08/14/08  06/18/09 09/02/09	C & D Management Company d/b/a Freedom Ventures Company	<b>R-12913</b> Case No. 14055 <b>R-12913-A</b> Case No. 14055 De Novo <b>R-12913-B</b> <b>R-12913-C</b>	Violation of Rule 201.B Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive wells.	Order requiring operator to plug wells by 05/31/08, and allowing OCD to plug them if operator fails and collect a \$33K penalty. Order requiring operator to plug and abandon wells and file correct reports on or before September 14, 2008. Pay \$16K civil penalty on or before September 15, 2008. Unopposed Motion to Continue 07/16/09 Unopposed Motion to Continue 10/07/09
4	04/01/08	Chaparral Energy, LLC	<b>R-12928</b> Case No. 14006	Failure to file completion report (C-105) or request for allowable (C-104) Rules 19.15.13.1105 and 19.15.13.1104	In order OCD's request for compliance order for C-105 dismissed (Operator had filed the C-105 shortly after hearing). Hearing examiner imposed a \$4K civil penalty, payable by 4.30.08. Operator paid the \$4K civil penalty on 4.18.08.
5	04/07/08  06/17/09  09/15/09	Yeso Energy, Inc.	<b>R-12930</b> Case No. 14008  <b>R-12930-A</b> Case No. 14294  <b>R-12930-B</b> Case No. 14294	Violation of Rule 1115 by failure to timely file production reports; and Rule 1104, 804.A and 701 by continuing to operate producing or injection wells after the Division has suspended its permits for those wells by reason of its earlier reporting infractions. Compliance Order finding operator in violation of Division Rules 7.24 (failure to timely file production reports) and 25.8 (inactive wells).	Order operator to pay \$3K civil penalty for failure to file production reports and \$33K civil penalty for knowing and willful injection of water without a valid permit; payment due by 4.20.08.  Operator ordered to appear at the August 20, 2009 examiner hearing and ordered to present evidence of compliance with Division Rules 7.24, 8.9, and 25.8.  Operator ordered to properly plug and abandon its wells or transfer them to a nonaffiliated operator by 3/15/10.
6	04/17/08	Southwest Royalties	<b>R-12933</b> Case No. 14077	Violation of Rule 201.B Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive wells.	Case dismissed.
7	04/28/08	Tom R. Cone	<b>R-12935</b> Case No. 14076	Violation of Rule 201 Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive wells.	Order requiring operator to plug and abandon the subject wells, or secure approved temporary abandonment status or return the wells to production on or before June 30, 2008.
8	05/05/08	Marbob Energy Corporation	<b>R-12938</b> Case No. 14102	Order authorizing a Centralized Surface Waste Management Facility	Case dismissed.

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9	05/19/08	Tucumcari Exploration, LLC	R-12940 Case No. 14005		Case Dismissed.
10	05/19/08	Pogo Producing Company	R-12943 Case No. 14111		Case Dismissed.
11	06/12/08	Reubin Collins D/B/A/ RCJ Enterprises	R-12959 Case No. 14051		Case Dismissed.
12	06/16/08  07/25/08  11/07/08	Jackie Brewer D/B/A Sandlot Energy	R-12961 Case No. 14074  R-12961-A  R-12961-B	Knowingly and Willfully Violated Rule 19.15.3.116 NMAC	Order requiring corrective action on 10 wells by August 30, 2008; Remediation in accordance with plan submitted to and approved by Artesia District Office; penalty of \$48,000 on or before July 30, 1008. Amendment A staying payment of penalty assessment. Operator paid \$12K civil penalty on 11.20.08. Amendment B requires remediation by 5.7.09 and pmt of \$12K civil penalty by 11.21.08
13	06/19/08  09/11/08 09/30/08	Marks and Garner Production Ltd. Company	R-12963 Case No. 14041  R-12963-A R-12963-B	Violation of Rule 201 and 19.15.13.1115 NMAC Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive wells.	OCD order requiring operator to plug and abandon 19 wells; post additional single well plugging bonds on or before July 30, 2008; penalty of \$19,000 on or before July 30, 2008. Amendment B – OCC order Amendment denies request for extension of deadlines concerning compliance and payment of civil penalty.
14	06/20/08	C.W. Trainer	R-12964 Case No. 14103	Violation of Rules 101.B and 201, and 202 and 116.D	Order requiring operator to file single-well financial assurance by July 25, 2008; site restoration; fully complete the clean-up of the release.
15	06/23/08	Americo Energy Resources, LLC	R-12966 Case No. 14079	Knowingly and willfully violated Rule 19.15.3.116 NMAC	Order requiring operator to take corrective action by August 30, 2008; remediate well sites; penalty of \$11,000 on or before July 30, 2008
16	06/30/08	Kimlar Oil Company	R-12967 Case No. 14054	Violation of Rule 116 – Contamination	Order requiring operator to complete cleanup by July 31, 2008; install and/or implement a spill prevention system by January 1, 2009.
17	07/02/08	Buckeye Disposal, LLC	R-12968 Case No. 14108	Violation of Rules 101.B and 201	Order requiring operator to file single-well financial assurance by July 31, 2008; compliance with Rule 202
18	08/07/08  11/18/08	Quannah, Inc.	R-12977 Case No. 14110  R-12977-A	Disposing of produced water into a tank connected to a disposal system without authorization from the operator of the tank or the operator of the disposal system.	Order requiring operator to \$1K penalty on or before August 15, 2008; Permit (C-133) to transport oilfield waste is suspended for a term of 6 months until February 14, 2009. Amendment A dismisses case.
19	08/07/08	ERS Resources, LLC	R-12979 Case No. 14078	Violation of Rules 201	Order requiring operator to comply with rule 201 by November 11, 2008
20	10/08/08	Calvin F. Tennison	R-13003 Case No. 14137	Violation of Rules 101, 1115, 201, and 50	Order requiring operator to comply with rules by January 1, 2009
21	10/09/08	Parrish, H. Dwayne and Rhonda K.	R 13006 Case No. 14164	Violation of Rules 201 & 703	Order requiring operator to comply with rule s by March 31, 2009
22	10/10/08  02/24-25/09	Xeric Oil & Gas Corporation	R-13005 Case No. 14106  R-13005-A Case No. 14106 De Novo	Violation of Rules 101,201, and 1115	Order requiring operator to file single-well financial assurances by 11.28.08; submit true and accurate reports electronically by 12.31.08; pay civil penalty of \$88K by 1.30.09. Order requiring operator to file single-well financial assurances by 6.12.09; submit reports electronically by 4.12.09; OCD to plug if operator does not comply.
23	10/10/08  01/12/09	McElvain Oil & Gas Properties, Inc.Xeric Oil & Gas Corporation	R-13007 Case No. 14186 R-13007-A Case 14186	Operator has not requested a continuance and that the subpoena filed by counsel fails to allow reasonable time for compliance in light of that fact.	Order Granting Motion to Quash Subpoena
24	11/18/08	Star Acquisition VII, LLC	R-13051 Case No. 14117	Case Dismissed	

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25	11/20/08	Americo Energy Resources, LLC	R-13058 Case No. 14189	Violation of Rules 201 & 101	Order requiring operator to comply with rule 201 by May 1, 2009 and pay \$17,800 by December 15, 2008.
26	12/29/08	General Operating Company, Gene A. Snow and/or Snow Oil & Gas, Inc.	R-13069 Case No. 14129	Inactive abandoned well	Order granting OCD authorization to properly plug and abandon the Kleeman Well No. 1, and remediate the site.
<b>2007</b>					
1	01/25/07	Thornton Hopper	R-12706 Case No. 13844	Violation of Rule 201.B Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive wells.	Order requiring operator to plug wells by 03/01/07, and allowing OCD to plug them if operator fails. No bonding available, other than possible federal bond.
2	02/23/07	C.W. Trainer	R-12720 Case No. 13846	Violation of Rule 201.B Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive wells.	Require operators to bring each of the subject wells into compliance with 19.15.4.201 NMAC on or before May 31, 2007.
3	05/01/07	Kimlar Oil Company	R-12751 Case No. 13885	Compliance	Dismissal of Case No. 13885
4	06/15/07  07/30/07 09/13/07 06/23/08 11/05/08	Pronghorn Management Corp.	R-12767 Case No. 13858 R-12767-A R-12767-B R-12767-C R-12767-D	Violation of Rule 201 Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive wells.	Require operator to bring each of the subject wells into compliance with 19.15.4.201 NMAC on or before October 2, 2007. Order to Show Cause De Novo case 13858 dismissed Revoked authority De Novo cases 13859 & 14052 dismissed
5	06/15/07  06/23/08  11/05/08	Pronghorn Management Corp.	R-12768 Case No. 13859  R-12768-C Case 13859 & Case 14052  R-12768-D Case 13859 & Case 14052	Violation of 70-2-31(B)(2), 19.15.13.1115.ANMAC, and 19.15.4.201 NMAC	Require operator to bring each of the subject wells into compliance with 19.15.4.201 NMAC on or before December 30, 2007; Pay penalty of \$72,000 on or before July 30, 2007; File corrected production reports on the 11 wells, and provide contact information for private lessors affected by the false production reports on or before July 30, 2007. Case dismissed. Operator shall no longer be allowed to operate as an oil and gas operator in NM; allowable le on all wells and its authority to transport oil or gas from all wells are immediately revoked, and all it s wells shall be shut-in. Cases dismissed.
6	06/25/07	Salado Operating LLC	R-13887 Case No. 12769	Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive wells.	Require operator to bring each of the subject wells into compliance with 19.15.4.201 NMAC on or before August 1, 2007.
7	06/25/07	Willow Creek Resources, Inc.	R-12771 Case No. 13715	Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive wells.	Require operator to bring the subject well into compliance with 19.15.4.201 NMAC on or before October 1, 2007.
8	07/02/07	Reubin Collins dba RCJ Enterprises, LLC	R-12772 Case No. 13886	Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive wells.	Require operators to bring each of the subject wells into compliance with 19.15.4.201 NMAC on or before October 1, 2007.
9	07/05/07  11/08/07  05/09/08	Northstar Oil and Gas	R-12779 Case No. 13920 R-12779-A Case No. 13920 de novo R-12779-B Case No. 13920 de novo	Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive wells.	Require operator to bring each of the subject wells into compliance with 19.15.4.201 NMAC on or before September 5, 2007. Require operator to bring each of the subject wells into compliance with 19.15.4.202 NMAC on or before December 15, 2007. Require operator to reseed the Barbara #1 well site with seed of plants native to the area by 6.9.08; operator does not have to reseed the Davie, #1; operator to pay the \$10K civil penalty by 6.9.08; OCD shall not release the financial assurance until operator reseeds and provides written notification to OCD upon completion of the seeding & pays the \$10K civil penalty. Paid.
10	06/25/07	Willow Creek Resources, Inc.	R-12771 Case No. 13715	Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive wells.	Require operator to bring each of the subject wells into compliance with 19.15.4.201 NMAC on or before October 1, 2007.
11	08/20/07	Yeso Energy, Inc.	R-12801 Case No. 13921	Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive wells.	Require operator to bring each of the subject wells into compliance with 19.15.4.201 NMAC on or before September 30, 2007.
<b>2006</b>					



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1	03/20/06	Fi-Ro Corporation	R-12523 Case No. 13657	Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive wells.	Require operator to plug he subject wells and to remediate the well sites in accordance with Division rules on or before April 20, 2006.
2	03/20/06	Southeastern Petroleum, Inc.	R-12524 Case No. 13658	Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive wells.	Require operator to plug the subject wells and to remediate the well sites in accordance with Division rules on or before July 30, 2007.
3	06/21/06	Estate of Reuben F. Momsen	R-12572 Case No. 13713	Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive wells.	Require operator to plug and abandon the subject well in accordance with 19.15.4.202 NMAC on or before August 1, 2006.
4	06/21/06	Heartland Energy Corp.	R-12571 Case No. 13712	Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive wells.	Require operator to plug and abandon the subject wells in accordance with 19.15.4.202 NMAC on or before August 1, 2006.
5	06/21/06	Tenneco Oil Company	R-12573 Case No. 13714	Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive wells.	Require operator to plug and abandon the subject well in accordance with 19.15.4.202 NMAC on or before August 1, 2006.
6	08/03/06	Platinum Exploration, Inc.	R-12603 Case No. 13728	Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive wells.	A penalty in the amount of \$5,000 shall be assessed against the operator, payable to the Division on or before August 31, 2006.
7	11/13/06 01/17/07 04/19/07	Tempo Energy, Inc., Peterson Petroleum Company and/or Joe D. Peterson	R-12659 Case No. 13711 R-12659-A Case No. 13711 De Novo R-12659-B Case No. 13711 De Novo	Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive wells.  Requested temporary stay.	Require operator to plug and abandon the subject well on or before February 13, 2007.  Stay granted until OCC's final action.  Required operator to plug subject well and ordered forfeiture of bond in the event of its failure to plug the well.
8	12/27/06	Americo Energy Resources, LLC	R-12685 Case No. 13819	Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive wells.	A penalty in the amount of \$3,000 shall be assessed against the operator, payable to the Division within thirty-(30) days from the date of the order (12/27/06).
<b>2005</b>					
1	01/18/05	B. Bernard Langford	R-12271 Case No. 13336	Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive well.	Require operator to bring one well into compliance with 19.15.4.201 NMAC, and assessing appropriate civil penalties
2	01/18/05	Millard Deck Este	R-12276 Case No. 13361	Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive wells.	Require operator to bring two wells into compliance with 19.15.4.201 NMAC, and assessing appropriate civil penalties
3	01/18/05	Tahoe Energy, Inc. & Kenneth A. Freeman DBA Tahoe Energy Inc.	R-12270 Case No. 13354	Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive well.	Require operators to bring one well into compliance with 19.15.4.201 NMAC, and assessing appropriate civil penalties
4	01/18/05	Carbon Energy, Inc. & Carbon Energy	R-12272 Case No. 13337	Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive wells.	Require operators to bring two wells into compliance with 19.15.4.201 NMAC, and assessing appropriate civil penalties
5	01/25/05	Verde Grande, Inc.	R-12279 Case No. 13257	Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive well.	Require operator to bring one well into compliance with 19.15.4.201 NMAC, and assessing appropriate civil penalties
6	01/28/05	Bristol Resources Chaparral Energy, L.L.C.	R-12280 Case No. 13061	Contamination of ground water in drinking water wells and in monitor wells located on the South Langlie Jal Unit, with chlorides and total dissolved solids in excess of NM Water quality Control Commission standards. Tank batteries with associated produced water and petroleum spills, an unlined flare pit and produced water line leaks located hydrologically up-gradient from some of the wells.	Order the responsible party or parties to complete and perform an abatement plan pursuant to Division Rule 19. ordering Smith & Marrs, Inc. pay a fine of \$197,000, submit an approved State I Investigation Report to the Division's Environmental Bureau by May 1, 2005.
7	02/08/05	Tommy L. Wiollyard and Tommy L. Willyard Jr. DBA R. W. Oil Company	R-12282 Case No. 13412	Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive wells.	Require operators to bring four wells into compliance with 19.15.4.201 NMAC, and assessing appropriate civil penalties

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8	03/08/05	Advanced Exploration, Inc.	R-12302 Case No. 13413	Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive well.	Require operator to bring one well into compliance with 19.15.4.201 NMAC, and assessing appropriate civil penalties. A penalty in the amount of \$1,000 shall be assessed against the operator, payable to the Division by April 31, 2005.
9	05/06/05	Eclipse Oil and Gas, Inc.	R-12349 Case No. 13456	Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive wells.	Require operator to bring ten wells into compliance with 19.15.4.201 NMAC, on or before May 15, 2005
10	06/16/05	Stevens Operating Corporation	R-12569 Case No. 13675	Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive wells.	Require operator to properly plug and abandon seven wells on or before August 1, 2006. Obtain the Division's district office in Artesia, an approved plugging program and shall notify the office of the date and time this work is to commence.
<b>2004</b>					
1	01/05/04	I.T. Properties	R-12077 Case No. 13128	Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive wells.	Require operator to bring two wells to properly plug and abandon two wells on or before February 1, 2004. Obtain the Division's district office in Artesia, an approved plugging program and shall notify the office of the date and time this work is to commence.
2	02/24/04	Gordon M. Cone	R-12107 Case No. 13190	The well is such that a hazardous situation exists, waste will probably occur, correlative rights will also be violated, livestock and wildlife may be subject to harmful contaminants, and fresh waters may be in danger of contamination.	The NM OCD is authorized to take such action as is deemed necessary to properly plug and abandon the Beery-State Well No. 1-A (API No. 30-025-05514)
3	08/12/04	Saba Energy of texas, Inc.	R-12132-A Case No. 13163	Wells have not produced any oil or gas, nor has any substance been injected into any of such wells, since August 1998. The subject wells have not been plugged, and none have been approved for temporary abandonment. If the subject wells are not plugged, or otherwise brought into compliance, fluids could escape from the formation in which they are encountered into other formations or to the surface, endangering fresh water and the environment.	Operator is ordered to properly plug and abandon the wells within thirty (30) days after issuance of the order. Operator is ordered to bring each well into compliance with Division Rules by either (a) plugging such well in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program, in accordance with Rules 201 and 202, (b) restoring such well to production, or (c) causing such well to be placed in approved temporary abandonment status in accordance with Division Rule 203, no later an the respective dates
4	12/09/04	Maralo, LLC	R-12152-A Case No. 13142	Surface owner's complaint that water samples taken from a water well adjacent to the tank battery showed elevated levels of chlorides. OCD observed one rim of hard oil-contaminated soil around three (3) unlined pits. OCD water samples confirmed some chloride contamination of groundwater above the NM Water Quality Control Commission standards.	Order requiring operator to remediate Hydrocarbon Contamination at an abandoned well and batter site. Operator is ordered, within 45 days to submit to the Environmental Bureau for approval or revision and approval a plan to delineate the extent of the contamination existing at the site and its associated facilities including areas used for pits, tank batteries and the like. The operator is order 2ithin 6 months of having the plan approved, to complete the activities necessary to delineate all the contamination of the site associated with the production of hydrocarbons including a determination of possible ground water contamination. Operation is ordered to provide a plan for remediation of the contamination to the Environmental Bureau within 90 days of completing the delineation.
5	12/16/04	Orbit Energy Inc.	R-12250 Case No. 13373	Five wells have been inactive for a period in excess of one year plus 90 days and have not been placed on temporary abandonment status.	Require operators to bring wells into compliance and assessing a \$5,000 civil penalty.
<b>2003</b>					

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1	05/14/03	<p>Bass Enterprises Production Company, Dominion Oklahoma Texas Exploration and Production, Inc. (formally Louis Dreyfus Natual Gas Corporation), Nadel and Gussman Permian, L.L.C., Strata Production Company, Beach Exploration, Inc., Chi Operating, Inc., Egi Resources, Inc., Mewbourne Oil Company, Devon Energy Production Company, LP (formally Mitchell energy Corporation), Ocean Energy, Inc., Pogo Producing Company, and St. Mary Land and Exploration Company, Dalton Bell of Artesia, New Mexcio for Happy Oil Company, Inc., JDR Ltd., and Smith and Marrs, Inc., Eddy LaRue of Artesia, NM d.b.a. C. E. LaRue Operating for E. E. LaRue &amp; B.M. Munchy, Jr., Lewis Fulton of Artesia, NM for CFM Oil Company and C.O. Fulton, Sonny Hope of Artesia NM for Vintage Drilling, LLC, Jim Pierce of Roswell, NM for MEW Enterprises and McQuadrangle, LC and Russell Whited of Roswell, NM for MEW Enterprises, Jackie Brewer of Lovington, NM for Sandlott Energy, Guy Baber of Hobbs, NM for Pronghorn Management Coporation, Dwayne Parris of Artesia NM for H. Dwayne and Rhonda K. Parrish, Mack Energy Corporation, Southwest Royalties, Inc., and Prairie Sun, Inc., Aghorn Operating, Inc., AROC (Texas), Inc., BC Development, LP, Bill and Patsy Rich, Brothers Production Company, Inc., Calvin F. Tennison</p> <p>Cibola Energy Corporation Dakota Resources, Inc. (I) David G. Hammond, Dennis Langlitz Dorothy Boyce, Elk Oil Company Fi-Ro-Corporation, Great Western Drilling Company, Hanson Energy Harvey E. Yates Company, Hudson Oil Company of Texas, I.T. Properties, J. Cleo Thompson, Jalapeno Corporation, Jenkins Brothers Drilling Company, John A. Yates, Jr., Judah Oil KC Resources, Inc., Kersey and Company, Kersey and Donohue, Kimbell Oil Company of Texas, Klabzuba Oil &amp; Gas, Inc., Limark Corporation, Mar Oil and Gas Corporation, Matador Operating Company, Mineral Technologies, Inc., Naumann Oil &amp; Gas, Inc., Nearburg Producing Company, Permian Resources, Inc., Petroleum Development Corporation, Quality Production Corporation, Ralph E. Williamson, Ray Westall, Shackelford Oil Company, Stephens &amp; Johnson Operating Company, Tom Brown, Inc. United Oil &amp; Mineral Limited Partnership Western Reserves Oil Company, Inc. Yates Drilling Company</p>	R-11934 Case No. 12811	Violation of Rule 201.B Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive wells.	Require operators to bring 388 wells into compliance with Rule 201.B, and assessing appropriate civil penalties

2	05/15/03	Kelly H. Baxter	R-11840-A Case No. 12792	Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive wells.	Plug, abandon, site clean up, and remediation of seven wells on or before November 15, 2003. Obtain the Division's district office in Hobbs, an approved plugging program and shall notify the office of the date and time this work is to commence.
3	11/25/03	Weststar Exploration Company	R-12062 Case No. 13164	Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive wells.	Plug and abandon the T.P. "A" State Well No. 2 (API) NO. 30-025-22013) before January 1, 2004. Obtain the Division's district office in Hobbs, an approved plugging program and shall notify the office of the date and time this work is to commence.
4	12/01/03	A.L. Daugherty	R-5464-A Case No. 13167	By Order No. R-5464 issued in Case No. 5922 on June 14, 1977, the Division authorized A. L. Daugherty to dispose of produced water in an intermittent salt lake. The Order also authorized Operator to construct settling tanks to residual oil contained within the produced water.	The OCD seeks an order rescinding A. L. Daugherty's disposal/oil treatment permit; and releasing the \$25,000 surety bond no. 11132683654 for this facility. Mr. Seeligson, at the direction of the Division's Santa Fe Environmental Bureau, has cleaned up the disposal/oil treatment site; and based upon a closure plan submitted by Mr. Seeligson, and based upon an inspection of the facility by OCD personnel, the Division's Santa Fe Environmental bureau, by letter dated August 8, 2003, approved the closure of the disposal/oil treatment site.
<b>2002</b>					
1	01/09/02	Sierra Blanca Operating Company	R-11709 Case No. 12770	Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive wells.	Plug and abandon ninety wells on or before March 1, 2002. Obtain the Division's district office in Hobbs, an approved plugging program and shall notify the office of the date and time this work is to commence.
2	06/21/02	I.T. Properties	R-11520-A Case No. 12459	Failed Packer Leakage Test	Plug and abandon well within 120 days from the date of order. Obtain the Division's district office in Artesia an approved plugging program and shall notify the office of the date and time this work is to commence.
3	10/08/02  05/15/03 06/15/06	Kelly H. Baxter	R-11840 Case No. 12792 R-11840-A R-11840-B	Inactive wells.  Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive wells.	Require operator to plug and abandon seven wells on or before November 15, 2002.  Operator to plug and abandon by November 15, 2003. Require operators to bring seven wells into compliance with 19.15.4.201 NMAC, and assessing appropriate civil penalties. A penalty in the amount of \$5,000 shall be assessed against the operator, payable to the Division no later than thirty (30) days from the order.
4	12/02/02	Skyline Energy, LLC	R-11865 Case No. 12949	Failure to maintain, properly plug or abandon inactive wells.	Plug and abandon ninety wells on or before January 15, 2003. Obtain the Division's district office in Hobbs, an approved plugging program and shall notify the office of the date and time this work is to commence.

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