

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

**APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION, THROUGH THE SUPERVISOR OF DISTRICT I, FOR AN ORDER REQUIRING ADVANCED EXPLORATION INC. TO BRING ONE WELL INTO COMPLIANCE WITH 19.15.4.201 NMAC AND IN THE EVENT OF NONCOMPLIANCE, ASSESSING AN APPROPRIATE CIVIL PENALTY, AUTHORIZING THE DIVISION TO PLUG SAID WELL AND ORDERING A FORFEITURE OF THE APPLICABLE PLUGGING BOND; LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NO. 13413**

**PRE-HEARING STATEMENT**

This entry of appearance and pre-hearing statement is submitted by the applicant, the Oil Conservation Division.

**APPEARANCES**

**APPLICANT**  
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**APPLICANT'S ATTORNEY**  
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**RESPONDENT**  
Advanced Exploration, Inc.

**RESPONDENT'S ATTORNEY**  
No appearance has been entered

**APPLICANT'S STATEMENT OF THE CASE**

The records of the Oil Conservation Division (OCD) identify Advanced Exploration, Inc. as the operator of record of the War Deck #001, API 30-025-30626, located in Lea County, New Mexico.

The War Deck #001 has been inactive for a continuous period exceeding one year plus 90 days, and has not been plugged and abandoned or placed on temporary abandonment status. The Applicant files this action under rule 101, seeking an order requiring the operator to bring the well into compliance with rule 201 by a date certain, imposing a penalty on the operator if it fails to do so, and authorizing the OCD to plug the well and forfeit the operator's cash bond.

**APPLICANT'S PROPOSED EVIDENCE**

**WITNESS:**

Billy Prichard  
Dorothy Phillips  
Jane Prouty

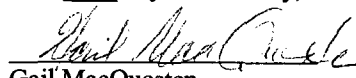
**ESTIMATED TIME:**

10 min.  
by affidavit  
by affidavit

**PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

None.

Respectfully submitted,  
This 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2005 by

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