

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

**APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION FOR
AN ORDER REQUIRING THE ESTATE OF REUBEN F. MOMSEN TO PLUG
ONE WELL AND ORDERING A FORFEITURE OF APPLICABLE FINANCIAL
ASSURANCE IN EVENT OF OPERAOR'S NON-COMPLIANCE; EDDY
COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

CASE NO. 13713

APPLICATION FOR PLUGGING AND FORFEITURE OF BOND

1. The Estate of Reuben F. Momsen ("Operator") is the operator of the following well (the subject well) in Eddy County, New Mexico:

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>API No.</u>	<u>Location</u>
North State #1	30-015-00931	1650 FNL/2310 FEL G-23-18S-27E

2. Operator has posted the following applicable financial assurance:
\$5,000 one-well surety bond number A-E-71334-40, issued by American Employers Insurance Company.

3. The subject well has been inactive for more than one year plus ninety days, and has not been approved for temporary abandonment.

WHEREFORE, the Supervisor of District II of the Division requests an order:

A. Determining that the subject well should be plugged and abandoned in accordance with a Division-approved plugging program.

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- B. Directing the Operator to plug the subject well by a date certain, and thereafter to remediate the site in accordance with OCD Rules.
- C. Ordering that if the Operator does not plug the subject well within the time provided, the Division be authorized: (i) to plug the subject well and remediate the site; (ii) to declare forfeit the above-described financial assurance; and (iii) to take necessary and appropriate measures to recover from the Operator any costs of plugging the subject well in excess of the amount of the applicable financial assurance.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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Case No. 13713. **Application of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for an Order Requiring The Estate of Reuben F. Momsen to Plug 1 Well and Ordering Forfeiture of Applicable Financial Assurance in Event of Operator's Non-Compliance, Eddy County, New Mexico.** The Applicant seeks an order requiring The Estate of Reuben F. Momsen to plug the following well and to forfeit applicable security:

<u>Well Name</u>	<u>API No.</u>	<u>Location</u>
North State #1	30-015-00931	1650 FNL/2310 FEL G-23-18S-27E

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Oil Conservation Division

March 23, 2006

American Employers Insurance Company
One Beacon Street
Boston, MA 02108

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Re: Case No. 13713 : Application of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for an Order Requiring The Estate of Reuben F. Momsen to Plug One Well and Ordering Forfeiture of Applicable Financial Assurance in Event of Operator's Non-Compliance; Eddy County, New Mexico

Ladies and Gentlemen:

You are hereby notified that the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division has filed the referenced Application (copy enclosed), seeking an Order requiring the Estate of Reuben F. Momsen to properly plug and abandon one well in Lea County, New Mexico, identified in said application.

A hearing on this application will take place before a Division hearing examiner on Thursday, April 27, 2006, at 8:15 a.m., in Porter Hall, First Floor, 1220 South St. Francis Drive in Santa Fe, New Mexico. At that hearing you will have an opportunity to show cause why an order should not be entered as requested in the Application.

The Estate of Reuben F. Momsen posted a surety bond, in the amount of \$5,000, number A-E-71334-40, issued by American Employers Insurance Company. That security will be forfeited if an order is entered as requested and the operator fails to comply therewith.

The Division has no address on file for the Estate of Reuben F. Momsen. Accordingly, notice of this proceeding will be served on the Estate by publication in Eddy County, New Mexico.

Inquiries concerning this application may be directed to the undersigned in the Santa Fe office of the Division at (505)-476-3450.

Very truly yours,

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David K. Brooks
Assistant General Counsel

cc: Tim Gum, District Supervisor

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