## STATE OF NEW MEXICO RECEIVED ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION JAN 30 P.M. 3 09

APPLICATION OF THE NEW MEXICO OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION, THROUGH THE ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE MANAGER, FOR A COMPLIANCE ORDER AGAINST AMERICO ENERGY RESOURCES, LLC, FINDING THAT OPERATOR KNOWINGLY AND WILLFULLY VIOLATED DIVISION RULE 19.15.3.116 NMAC AS TO TWO WELLS; ORDERING OPERATOR TO COMPLY WITH SUCH RULE BY A DATE CERTAIN; ASSESSING PENALTIES; EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

**CASE NO. 14079** 

# ENTRY OF APPEARANCE AND PRE-HEARING STATEMENT

The Oil Conservation Division submits this entry of appearance and pre-hearing statement pursuant to OCD Rule 1211 [19.15.14.1211 NMAC].

#### **APPEARANCES**

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RESPONDENT

Americo Energy Resources, LLC

No entry of appearance filed.

#### STATEMENT OF THE CASE

The Oil Conservation Division ("OCD") seeks an order requiring Respondent Americo Energy Resources, LLC, to comply with OCD Rule 19.15.3.116 NMAC ("Rule 116") and remediate the produced water and oil spills at the East Shugart Unit No. 015 and East Shugart Unit No. 042 in accord with OCD Rule 116 by a date ceratin.

In addition, OCD is seeking an order finding that Respondent knowingly and willfully violated OCD Rule 116 as to both wells. OCD is asking that civil penalties be assessed

Case 14079 Pre-hearing Statement Page 1 of 2 against Respondent for its knowing and willful violations of OCD Rule 116 as to both wells.

#### APPLICANT'S PROPOSED EVIDENCE

WITNESS: ESTIMATED TIME:

Daniel Sanchez 45 Minutes

Enforcement and Compliance Manager

Gerry Guye (by telephone) 45 Minutes

Compliance Officer, District II

#### PROCEDURAL MATTERS

None.

Respectfully submitted this 30 day of January 2008 by

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing pleading was served upon the following by email and first class mail this 30 day of January 2008:

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