



# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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## CERTIFIED MAIL

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RE:INACTIVE WELLS.

Mr. LaRue :

The OCD District II office received on 10/30/00 your response to the OCD's letter request of 5/11/00.

This office does not have a record in the files to show that ; Collier C State well no. 1 and Ford State well no. 2 have been plugged or that you are not the operator of the McCullough State no. 2 or that the Miley well no. 1 or that the Yates federal well no. 1 are currently producing. Please provide this office with the forms showing the well conditions as per your response so that our records can be updated .

Assuming that our inactive well list can be updated to show the changes you have indicated , still leaves you with some twenty wells in non-compliance .

The overall action plan of a period of two years to bring these wells into compliance is not acceptable. As you may recall the majority of these wells were addressed by letters of three to four years ago, your response was that the wells would be brought into compliance.

Ten of the Forms C-103 requesting a one year plus period to bring wells into compliance are being return not approved.

Please provide a more detailed and more aggressive time frame action plan by 12/1/00. With the small number of wells and the previous notification of several years ago you should have a good plan already in place. I would consider a plan of up to six months to bring all wells into compliance as being a reasonable plan of action.

Sincerely,

TIM W. GUM  
DISTRICT II SUPERVISOR

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BEFORE EXAMINER STOGNER
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION
OCD EXHIBIT NO. <u>41</u>
CASE NO. <u>12811</u>