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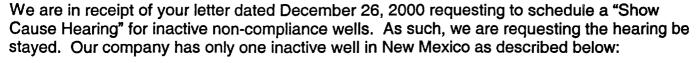


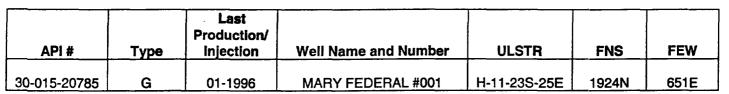
January 25, 2001

New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department Attn: Tim W. Gum 811 South First Street Artesia, NM 88210

Re: Inactive Non-Compliance Wells

Dear Mr. Gum:





Currently, we have been on a rig waiting list for two weeks with expected wait time of up to five weeks. Plans are to swab the well and based on results, either return the well to production or plug and abandon it. As soon as the swab is run, a procedure will be provided to your office.

Please contact the undersigned at the letterhead address or phone number if this is not an acceptable course of action.

Sincerely,

Sunda Sugg

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