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CERTIFIED MAIL

Re: Case No. 12862
Application of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division for an Order Requiring N.Dale Nichols to Bring Eight (8) Wells into Compliance with Rule 201.B, and Assessing Appropriate Civil Penalties; Chaves County, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Nichols:

You are hereby notified that the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division has filed the referenced Application, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, seeking an order requiring you to bring specified inactive wells in Chaves County, New Mexico into compliance with Division Rule 201.B, by either restoring such wells to production or beneficial use, permanently plugging and abandoning or temporarily abandoning them. In addition, the Division seeks assessment of civil penalties for your failure to comply with previous administrative notices to bring these wells into compliance.

A hearing on this Application will take place before a Division hearing officer on Thursday, May 2, 2002, at 8:15 a.m., in the Division Hearing Room, First Floor, 1220 South St. Francis Drive in Santa Fe, New Mexico. At that hearing you will have an opportunity to show cause, if any there be, why an order should not be entered as requested in the Application. **The Division will not seek assessment of a penalty if all of your wells are in full compliance on or before the day of the hearing.**

Operational inquiries concerning the subject of this hearing should be directed to Mr. Tim Gum, District Supervisor, Oil Conservation Division, 1301 West Grand Avenue, Artesia,

NM 88210; phone (505)-748-1283. Counsel may contact the undersigned in the Santa Fe office at (505)-476-3450.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DKB' or similar initials, written in a cursive style.

David K. Brooks
Assistant General Counsel

cc: Tim Gum