# State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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### \*Response Required - Deadline Enclosed\*

26-Jun-17

## TOM R CONE 1304 W BROADWAY PL HOBBS NM 88240-

### LETTER OF VIOLATION - Inactive Well(s)

Dear Operator:

A review of our records and recent inspection(s) indicate that the subject well(s) has been shut-in for an extended period of time. Rule 19.15.25.8 of the Rules and Regulation of the Oil Conservation Division provides that a well may be shut-in no longer than sixty days after suspension of drilling operations, upon determining that this well is no longer usable (e.g., a dry hole), or one year after last production. To comply with guidelines as established in the Rules and Regulations, corrective actions must be taken immediately and the well(s) brought into compliance.

The detail section below indicates preliminary findings and/or probable nature of the violation.

The following options are available:

1. Immediately restore the well(s) to production, injection or disposal as applicable.

2. Request 'Temporary Abandoned' status pursuant to Rule 19.15.25.13, which requires that you set a plug and conduct a mechanical integrity test.

3. Submit a proposal to 'Plug and Abandon' the well(s) pursuant to Rule 19.15.25.9, proceed with plugging procedures on a timely basis after the proposal has been evaluated, amended and/or approved.

In the event that a satisfactory response is not received to this letter of direction by the "Corrective Action Due By:" date shown above, further enforcement will occur. Such enforcement may include this office applying to the Division for an order summoning you to a hearing before a Division Examiner in Santa Fe to show cause why you should not be ordered to permanently plug and abandon this well. Such a hearing may result in imposition of CIVIL PENALTIES for your violation of OCD rules.

# **IDLE WELL INSPECTION DETAIL SECTION**

CONE 22 FEDERAL 001		M-22-18S-29E <b>30-015-0345</b>		00-00	Inspection No.	iGC1717343468
Inspection Date:	6/22/2017	7 12:04:27 PM	Corrective Action Due by: 9/25/2017			
<b>Type Inspection</b>		Inspector		Violation?	*Significan	t Non-Compliance?
Routine/Periodic		Gilbert Corder	ro	Yes		No
Comments on Inspection:		Violation of rule 19.15.25.8 FRESH OIL ON POLISHE		ORTED PRODUCTION 10-1-09. NO MOTOR ON PJ ESH OIL AROUND TB		
NORTH SHUGAR UNIT 008	T QUEEN	I-20-18S-31E	30-015-05586-	00-00	Inspection No.	iGC1717035523

Inspection Date:	6/19/2017	7 9:52:02 AM	Correct	live Action Due by: 9/22/2017		
<b>Type Inspection</b>		Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?		
Routine/Periodic	;	Gilbert Corde	ro Yes	No		
Comments on Inspection:		Violation of rule 19.15.25.8 WELL	3. LAST REPORTED PRODUC	CTION 9-1-09. NO PJ, RODS LEFT IN		
NORTH SHUGART UNIT 003	CQUEEN	H-20-18S-31E	30-015-05588-00-00	Inspection No. iGC1717030380		
Inspection Date: 6/19/2017		7 8:26:17 AM	Correct	Corrective Action Due by: 9/22/2017		
Type Inspection		Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?		
Routine/Periodic	2	Gilbert Corde	ro Yes	No		
Comments on Inspection:		Violation of rule 19.15.25.8. LAST REPORTED PROD OLD TANK ON LOCATION		TION 9-1-09. PJ WITH NO MOTOR.		
NORTH SHUGART UNIT 005	CQUEEN	F-21-18S-31E	30-015-05593-00-00	Inspection No. iGC1717031074		
Inspection Date: 6/19/2017		7 8:37:53 AM	Correct	ctive Action Due by: 9/22/2017		
Type Inspection		Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?		
Routine/Periodic	3	Gilbert Corde	ro Yes	No		
Comments on Inspe		Violation of rule 19.15.25.8 WELL	3. LAST REPORTED PRODUC	TION 10-1-09. NO PJ, RODS LEFT		
NORTH SHUGART JNIT 001	QUEEN	C-21-18S-31E	30-015-05597-00-00	Inspection No. iGC1717031431		
Inspection Date:	6/19/2017	7 8:43:49 AM	Correct	ive Action Due by: 9/22/2017		
<b>Type Inspection</b>		Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?		
Routine/Periodic	•	Gilbert Corde	ro Yes	No		
Comments on Inspe	ction:	Violation of rule 19.15.25.8 WELL, TANK ON LOCAT		TTION 9-1-09. NO PJ, RODS LEFT IN		
ORTH SHUGART	QUEEN	K-21-18S-31E	30-015-05598-00-00	Inspection No. iGC1717033757		
Inspection Date: 6/19/2017		9:22:35 AM	Correct	Corrective Action Due by: 9/22/2017		
<b>Type Inspection</b>		Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?		
Routine/Periodic	•	Gilbert Corde	ro Yes	No		
<b>Comments on Inspe</b>	ction:	Violation of rule 19.15.25.8	3. LAST REPORTED PRODUC	CTION 9-1-09. NO MOTOR ON PJ,		
<b>IORTH SHUGART</b>	CQUEEN	N-21-18S-31E	30-015-05600-00-00	Inspection No. iGC1717034057		
INIT 011	6/19/2017	' 9:27:36 AM	Correct	ive Action Due by: 9/22/2017		
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Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and your efforts in helping to protect our environment and the infrastructure of the oil and gas industry.

Sincerely, Gilbert Cordero Staff Mgr

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\* Significant Non-Compliance events are reported directly to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region VI, Dallas, Texas.