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

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\*Response Required - Deadline Enclosed\*



28-Jun-17

## **SMITH & MARRS INC**

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## **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			
WELCH STATE 004	K-17-18S-28E	30-015-10452-00-00	Inspection No. iGC1717732522
Inspection Date: 6/26/2	2017 9:02:00 AM Corrective Action Due by: 9/29/2017		
Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?
Routine/Periodic	Gilbert Cordero	Yes	No
Comments on Inspection:	SECOND NOTICE: Violati NEEDS TO BE PROPERLY		NG STICKING OUT OF GROUND. I INSTALLED
BRADSHAW 002	O-4-19S-25E	30-015-27893-00-00	Inspection No. iGC1717943078

**Inspection Date:** 6/28/2017 11:57:48 AM

Corrective Action Due by: 10/1/2017

Type Inspection

Inspector

Violation?

\*Significant Non-Compliance?

Routine/Periodic

Gilbert Cordero

Yes

Comments on Inspection:

Violation of rule 19,15,25,8. LAST REPORTED PRODUCTION 12-1-15. PJ POWER OFF AT

No

HOA. CAPABLE OF PRODUCING N-4-19S-25E

30-015-29360-00-00

Inspection No. iGC1717943593

**BRADSHAW 003 Inspection Date:** 

6/28/2017 12:06:31 PM

Corrective Action Due by: 10/1/2017

Type Inspection

Violation?

\*Significant Non-Compliance?

Routine/Periodic

Gilbert Cordero

HOA. NO BELTS ON MOTOR. TB OK

Yes

No

**Comments on Inspection:** 

Violation of rule 19.15.25.8. LAST REPORTED PRODUCTION 12-1-15. PJ POWER OFF AT

**BRADSHAW** 

M-4-19S-25E

30-015-29675-00-00

Inspection No. iGC1717944143

004

**Inspection Date:** 

6/28/2017 12:15:41 PM

Corrective Action Due by: 10/1/2017

**Type Inspection** 

Inspector

Violation?

\*Significant Non-Compliance?

Routine/Periodic

Gilbert Cordero

Yes

No

**Comments on Inspection:** 

Violation of rule 19.15.25.8. LAST REPORTED PRODUCTION 12-1-15. PJ POWER OFF AT

HOA. CAPABLE OF PRODUCING. VALVES OPEN

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,

ilbert Cordero Staff Mgr

Artesia OCD District Office

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