

## NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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17-Jul-03

## UNITED OIL & MINERALS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

1001 WESTBANK DR AUSTIN TX 78746-0000

NOTICE 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 201 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 ther 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 203, 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 202, 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

NORTH BENSON QUEEN UNIT N-27-18S-30E

30-015-04551-00-00

Inspection No. iGEG0314347017

021

Inspection Date:

7/16/2003 9:15:29 AM

Corrective Action Due by: 8/18/2003

Type Inspection

Inspector

Violation?

\*Significant Non-Compliance?

MIT Witnessed - Bradenhead

Gerry Guye

F-34-18S-30E

Yes

No

Comments on Inspection:

Violation of Rule 201 (Idle Well)

30-015-04562-00-00

Inspection No. iGEG0314347137

039

Inspection Date:

7/16/2003 9:10:58 AM

Corrective Action Due by: 8/18/2003

Type Inspection

Violation?

\*Significant Non-Compliance?

MIT Witnessed - Bradenhead

NORTH BENSON QUEEN UNIT

Inspector Gerry Guve

Yes

No

Comments on Inspection:

Violation of Rule 201 (Idle Well).

Oil Conservation Division \* 1301 W. Grand \* Artesia, New Mexico 88210 Phone: 505-748-1283 \* Fax: 505-748-9720 \* http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us

NORTH BENSON QUEEN UNIT B-34-18S-30E 30-015-04566-00-00 Inspection No. iGEG0314347130 037 Corrective Action Due by: 8/18/2003 **Inspection Date:** 7/16/2003 9:04:24 AM Violation? \*Significant Non-Compliance? Type Inspection Inspector MIT Witnessed - Bradenhead Gerry Guye Yes No Comments on Inspection: Violation of Rule 201 (Idle Well). NORTH BENSON QUEEN UNIT F-28-18S-30E 30-015-10101-00-00 Inspection No. iGEG0314347021 009 Corrective Action Due by: 8/18/2003 Inspection Date: 7/16/2003 9:58:55 AM Violation? \*Significant Non-Compliance? Type Inspection Inspector MIT Witnessed - Bradenhead Gerry Guye Yes No Comments on Inspection: Violation of Rule 201 (Idle Well). NORTH BENSON QUEEN UNIT Inspection No. iGEG0314347115 P-29-18S-30E 30-015-10154-00-00 027 **Inspection Date:** 7/16/2003 10:31:50 AM Corrective Action Due by: 8/18/2003 \*Significant Non-Compliance? Type Inspection Inspector Violation? MIT Witnessed - Bradenhead Gerry Guye Yes No Comments on Inspection: Violation of Rule 201 (Idle Well). NORTH BENSON QUEEN UNIT P-28-18S-30E 30-015-10193-00-00 Inspection No. iGEG0314347106 023 Inspection Date: 7/16/2003 9:27:14 AM Corrective Action Due by: 8/18/2003 Type Inspection Inspector Violation? \*Significant Non-Compliance? MIT Witnessed - Bradenhead Gerry Guye Yes No Comments on Inspection: Violation of Rule 201 (Idle Well). NORTH BENSON QUEEN UNIT B-33-18S-30E 30-015-10229-00-00 Inspection No. iGEG0314347124 033 Inspection Date: 7/16/2003 8:57:04 AM Corrective Action Due by: 8/18/2003 Violation? \*Significant Non-Compliance? Type Inspection Inspector MIT Witnessed - Bradenhead Gerry Guye Yes No Comments on Inspection: Violation of Rule 201 (Idle Well). Inspection No. iGEG0314347112 NORTH BENSON QUEEN UNIT J-29-18S-30E 30-015-10389-00-00 012 Inspection Date: 7/16/2003 10:04:09 AM Corrective Action Due by: 8/18/2003 Type Inspection Inspector Violation? \*Significant Non-Compliance? MIT Witnessed - Bradenhead Gerry Guye Yes No Comments on Inspection: Violation of Rule 201 (Idle Well). NORTH BENSON QUEEN UNIT F-32-18S-30E 30-015-10906-00-00 Inspection No. iGEG0314347121

Corrective Action Due by: 8/18/2003

\*Significant Non-Compliance?

No

Violation?

Yes

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Inspection Date:

Type Inspection

MIT Witnessed - Bradenhead

Comments on Inspection:

7/16/2003 10:39:41 AM

Inspector

Violation of Rule 201 (Idle Well).

Gerry Guye

structure of the oil and gas industry.

Sincerely,

Artesia OCD District Office

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