

# New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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**\*NOTE: Response Required – Deadline Enclosed\***

Dinero Operating Co.  
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June 24, 2008

Reference: Dinero State Com 002 30-015-25093 P-16-22s-28e Eddy County, New Mexico

Operator,

An inspection was made on this site by a NMOCD Field Inspector on 5/15/08. Subsequently, a Letter of Violation was issued to Dinero Operating for an open drilling pit at this site. In a phone conversation between myself and Charlie Williams w/Dinero Operating on 5/20/08, Mr. Williams indicated that this drilling pit belonged to a plugged well drilled by Bird Creek Resources. A review of the records indicates that this pit may have been constructed for use in drilling the Bird Creek well. However, a review of the photos taken by the NMOCD Field Inspector on 5/15/08 shows that Dinero Operating has installed a blow-down line from the Dinero State Com 002 well to terminate in the subject drilling pit. Since Dinero Operating has been using this pit, NMOCD is now requesting Dinero Operating to close the pit per current rules and guidelines. The pit rule in effect as of the date of this letter is 19.15.17 [NMAC].

Please submit your closure plan not later than July 24, 2008. Pit is to be closed and closure report submitted within 30 days of NMOCD approval for closure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Bratcher".

Mike Bratcher  
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