



# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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**Via Certified Mail**

MEW Enterprises  
300 S. Kentucky Ave.  
Roswell, New Mexico 88203-45230000

RE: NOTICE OF VIOLATION: NMOCD Rule 201  
MEW Enterprises  
McKim State # 1 B-21-10-27 API# 30-005-62866

Dear Sirs:

**This letter shall serve as a Notice of Violation of the rules of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division.**

You were notified of this matter by letters dated 10-30-2001, and 3-11-2002. This certified letter is being sent in part because all of the foregoing directives have brought no response.

Rule 201 of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division provides as follows:

**201 WELLS TO BE PROPERLY ABANDONED**

201.A. The operator of any well drilled for oil, gas or injection; for seismic, core or other exploration, or for a service well, whether cased or uncased, shall be responsible for the plugging thereof. [7-12-90...2-1-96]

201.B. A well shall be either properly plugged and abandoned or temporarily abandoned in accordance with these rules within ninety (90) days after:

- (1) A sixty (60) day period following suspension of drilling operations, or
- (2) A determination that a well is no longer usable for beneficial purposes, or
- (3) A period of one (1) year in which a well has been continuously inactive.

Your above referenced well has remained inactive for a considerably longer time than allowed under this Rule. Your failure to respond to OCD directives and failure to bring this well into compliance is a serious violation of the Rules and merits a severe sanction, up to and including abandonment and plugging.

**In the event that a satisfactory response is not received to this letter of direction by 30 April, 2002,** 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.

Respectfully yours,

*Tim Gum*

Tim Gum, District Supervisor, District II  
cc: OCD Legal