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Dear Sir:

A portion of Division Rule 203 is quoted for your information:

The Division may permit any well which is required to be properly abandoned under these rules but which has potential for future beneficial use for enhanced recovery or injection, and any other well for which an operator requests temporary abandonment, to be temporarily abandoned for a period of up to five (5) years. Prior to the expiration of any approved temporary abandonment the operator shall return the well to beneficial use under a plan approved by the Division, permanently plug and abandon said well or apply for a new approval to temporarily abandon the well. [7-12-90...2-1-96]

Our records indicate the wells on the attached list have been temporarily abandoned. The T/A status of these wells has expired and information is needed to determine the future use of these wells.

Please furnish the following information to the Artesia District Office on or before **February 20, 2002.**

1. Is your company the current operator of these oil or gas wells?
2. Are these wells currently temporarily abandoned or have they been returned to production.
3. Does your company plan to reinstitute production and/or injection operations on these wells in the near future?

If your company plans to request temporary abandonment again please forward a Form C-103 showing your intent and including the date you plan to perform the Mechanical Integrity Test for approval as stated in Division Rule 203. The date of testing must be with 7 working days of the date of the request.

Respectfully,

Oil Conservation Division - Artesia