

## NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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08-Dec-11	HOBBSOCD	9
<mark>KEVIN O BUTLER &amp; ASSOC INC</mark> 550 W TEXAS STE 660 MIDLAND TX 79701-	DEC 08 2011	
	RECEIVED	ETTER 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 their 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** E-30-15S-31E SOUTH CAPROCK QUEEN 30-005-00670-00-00 Inspection No. iMGB1134241222 **UNIT 005 Inspection Date:** 12/8/2011 11:26 59 AM Corrective Action Due by: 3/12/2012 Type Inspection Inspector Violation? \*Significant Non-Compliance? Routine/Periodic Maxey Brown Yes No Comments on Inspection: IDLE WELL RULE 19 15 28.8. NO PROD REPORTED IN 23 MONTHS. NEED TO RETURN TO PROD. T/A OR P/A WELL. PC PUMP NOT RUNNING AT TIME OF INSPECTION THIS IS 1ST LETTER OF NON-COMPLIANCE, MGB

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,

Hobbs OCD District Office

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**COMPLIANCE OFFICER** 

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Stgntficant Non-Compliance events are reported directly to the U/S Environmental Protection Agency Region VI, Dallas, Texas,

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