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## **RESPONSE REQUIRED BY MAY 22, 2012**

Subject: SOUTH CARTER SAN ANDRES UNIT #102, N-S5-T18S-R39E

API NUMBER 30-025-07917-0000

FAILED UIC ANNUAL TESTING AS OF 1/8/2009

NO REPAIRS REPORTED AS OF 5/2/2012

Dear Operator:

According to Oil Conversation Division (OCD) records, you are the operator of record of the well referenced above.

On May 2, 2012 a bradenhead inspection was performed on the SCSAU #102. The test result has again shown this well to be out of compliance with UIC regulations. The well had originally failed on January 8, 2009. Your company was issued a letter on January 12, 2009 regarding the failed Pressure Test performed on January 8, 2009. As of May 2, 2012, no information has been received at the Hobbs District OCD office regarding your intentions on repairing the well.

OCD rules require wells that have been inactive for more than one year plus ninety days to be plugged and abandoned, placed on approved temporary abandonment status, or returned to active status (19.15.25.8 NMAC). Please return the well to compliance as soon as possible. If you are taking action to return the well to compliance in the immediate future, please contact Elidio L. Gonzales, OCD District I Manager, at 575-393-6161 ext. 114 or ElidioL.Gonzales@state.nm.us. You may be able to avoid enforcement action.

If the OCD does not hear from you by May 22, 2012, the OCD will file an application for hearing to seek plugging orders for state or fee wells out of compliance with 19.15.25.8 NMAC that have been inactive for excessive periods of time. The OCD will seek an order requiring the operator to plug the well by a certain date, and authorizing the OCD to plug the well and forfeit any available financial assurance if the operator fails to comply.

If the well is not covered by a financial assurance or if the financial assurance is not sufficient to cover the OCD's plugging costs, the OCD may bring suit against the operator for indemnification. See NMSA 1978, Section 70-2-14(E).

Please contact me If you have any questions concerning this issue.

Sylvia A. Dickey Compliance Officer

Hobbs, OCD District I Office

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