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Letter Of Violation
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March 25, 2013

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MIDLAND, TX 79705-4561

HOBBS OCD

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Attn: REGULATORY MANAGER

RE: PLUGGED WELL SITE CLEANUP REQUIREMENTS
STATE OF NEW MEXICO RULE 19.15.25.10 VIOLATIONS

RECEIVED

It has come to our attention that the following attached list of wells, have been plugged for over 13 months. According to OCD Rules and Regulations, and as stated in NMOCD Rule 19.15.25.10, these wells must meet cleanup and location release requirements within a given time frame.

According to NMOCD Rule 19.15.25.10 the following should apply:

As soon as practical, but no later than one year after the completion of plugging operations, the operator shall:

- (1) level the location;
 - (3) remove deadmen and other junk; and
 - (4) take other measures necessary or required by the division to restore the location to a safe and clean condition.
- E. The operator shall close all pits and below-grade tanks pursuant to 19.15.17 NMAC.
- F. Upon completion of plugging and clean up restoration operations as required, the operator shall contact the appropriate division district office to arrange for an inspection of the well and location.

Please note, the Hobbs District I OCD office will require that Apache Corporation communicate with the District I Supervisor, EL Gonzales, within 10 days of receipt of this letter, the commencement of cleanup process of the wells on the following list.

A required form must be received *for each well* that meets the *complete requirements* of said rule. *A Form C103 Specifically for Subsequent Report of Well Plugging* is to be used for your reporting, regarding these wells. *This form is attached for your convenience.*

If you have any questions, please contact EL Gonzales, at the Hobbs District I office @ 575-393-6161 ext. 102.

Sincerely,

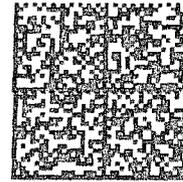
EL Gonzales
District I OCD Supervisor

Att.

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API WELL #	Plugging Date	Well Name	Well #	Operator Name	Type	Stat	County	Land	UL	Sec	Twp	N/S	Rng	W/E	Ft	NS	Ft	EW	Last Insp
30-025-06606-00-00	11/1/2011	ARGO	010	APACHE CORP	W	H	Lea	P	L	15	21	S	37	E	1880	S	760	W	11/1/2011
30-025-04068-00-00	6/13/2011	NORTH MONUMENT G/SA UNIT	004	APACHE CORP	G	H	Lea	P	D	25	19	S	36	E	663	N	661	W	6/10/2011
30-025-05568-00-00	1/28/2011	NORTH MONUMENT G/SA UNIT	009	APACHE CORP	O	H	Lea	S	I	7	19	S	37	E	1980	S	660	E	11/23/2011
30-025-05574-00-00	7/27/2011	NORTH MONUMENT G/SA UNIT	014	APACHE CORP	O	H	Lea	P	N	7	19	S	37	E	330	S	2310	W	10/11/2012
30-025-05798-00-00	11/7/2011	NORTH MONUMENT G/SA UNIT	013	APACHE CORP	O	H	Lea	P	M	33	19	S	37	E	660	S	660	W	11/1/2011

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