

## NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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Oil Conservation Division

## PLATINUM EXPLORATION INC

550 WEST TEXAS AVENUE SUITE 500 MIDLAND TX 79701-

LETTER 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 ther 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 Inspection No. iMGB0920861260 30-025-28198-00-00 L-1-14S-37E BARNHILL 001 Corrective Action Due by: 8/10/2009 7/27/2009 5:00:59 PM Inspection Date: Violation? \*Significant Non-Compliance? Type Inspection Inspector Yes Compliance Verification Maxey Brown Idle Well (Rule 19.15.25.8). NEED TO RETURN WELL TO PROD., T/A OR P/A WELL. ALSO Comments on Inspection: REPLACE SIGN WITH CURRENT INFORMATIOON. RULE 19.15.16.8. THIS IS 2ND LETTER OF NON-COMPLIANCE. 30-025-28295-00-00 Inspection No. iMGB0920861526 M-1-14S-37E **POST 002**

Inspection Date: 7/27/2009 5:05:26 PM

Corrective Action Due by: 8/10/2009

**Type Inspection** 

Inspector

Violation?

\*Significant Non-Compliance?

Compliance Verification Comments on Inspection:

Maxev Brown

Yes

No

Idle Well (Rule 19.15.25.8). NEED TO RETURN WELL TO PROD., T/A OR P/A WELL.

ELECTRICAL CONTROL PANEL LAYING ON GROUND. ELECTRIC METER REMOVED AND LINE FUSES DOWN. ALSO NEED SIGN WITH CURRENT INFORMATION. RULE 19.15.16.8.

THIS IS 2ND LETTER OF NON-COMPLIANCE.

**POST 003** 

D-12-14S-37E

30-025-28576-00-00

Inspection No. iMGB0920859352

Inspection Date:

7/27/2009 4:29:12 PM

Corrective Action Due by: 8/10/2009

Type Inspection

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Violation?

\*Significant Non-Compliance?

Compliance Verification

Inspector

Maxey Brown

Yes

No

Computance Verification

Idle Well (Rule 19.15.25.8). WELL IS STILL INACTIVE. MUST RETURN TO PRODUCTION, T/A OR P/A WELL. NEED TO INSTALL WELL SIGN, (RULE19.15.16.8). OIL LEAKING FROM WELLHEAD MUST BE CORRECTED ASAP. SUBMIT C-141 FOR APPROVAL PRIOR TO CLEANUP. SUBMIT TO HOBBS DISTRICT 1 OFFICE, ATTENTION LARRY JOHNSON.

CLEANUP. SUBMIT TO HOBBS DISTRICT 1 OFFICE, ATTENTION LARRY JOHNSON (RULE 19.15.29.8) THIS IS 2ND LETTER OF NON-COMPLIANCE.

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,

Majey Shown

Hobbs OCD District Office

COMPLIANCE OFFICER

<sup>\*</sup> Significant Non-Compliance events are reported directly to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region VI, Dallas, Texas

7/27/2009

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