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Larry Hill
District 1 Supervisor
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Dear Mr. Hill

The Field Operations Division of New Mexico State Land Office requests approval to remove the above-ground markers on five plugged and abandoned wells on the Todd Lower San Andres Unit in accordance with 19.15.25.10 NMAC. The specific wells are identified in the table below. A 1 ft² surface marker will be placed with the same information as the above-ground markers (operator name, lease name and well number and location, including unit letter, section, township and range).

API #	Sec	Town	Range	Legal Description	Well # / Operator
30-041-10603	35	7S	35E	C-35-7S-35E / 660 FNL & 1980 FWL	Well #4 Texaco Inc.
30-041-20615	35	7S	35E	L-35-7S-35E / 1980 FSL & 660 FWL	Well #1 Mayfair Minerals
30-041-10217	35	7S	35E	K-35-7S-35E / 1980 FSL & 1980 FWL	Well #1 Gene A. Snow
30-041-10136	36	7S	35E	K-36-7S-35E / 1980 FSL & 1980 FWL	Well #1 Gene A. Snow
30-041-20088	20	7S	36E	L-20-7S-36E / 1980 FSL & 660 FWL	Well #1 Sun Oil Company

Removal of the above-ground markers is an important part of the reclamation process for preservation of prairie chicken habitat. Prairie chicken avoid the markers because they serve as perches for raptors.

If you have any questions, please contact Ann Demint, our range conservationist, at 505-827-5856 or ademint@slo.state.nm.us. If approval is granted, please fax a copy to 505-827-5873.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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