New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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March 24, 2011

EOR Operating Co. One Riverway, Suite 610 Houston, TX 77056

EOR Operating Co. Attn: Andy Chalker 200 N. Loraine, Suite 1440 Midland, TX 79701

DENIAL OF APPLICATION FOR PERMIT TO DRILL, DEEPEN OR PLUG BACK

Re: EOR Operating Co., OGRID #257420

• Crossroads Siluro Devonian Unit #102, API #30-025-03630, Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Operator:

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) <u>denies</u> your application(s) for permit(s) to drill, deepen or plug back the wells identified above because your company is out of compliance with 19.15.5.9(A) NMAC [Part 5.9(A)]. See 19.15.14.10(A) NMAC.

Your company is out of compliance with Part 5.9(A) on the following ground(s):

- XXXX Financial assurances. Your company is in violation of the financial assurance requirements for well plugging set out in 19.15.8.9 NMAC. See 19.15.5.9(A)(1) NMAC. Specifically, your company has not posted the single-well financial assurances required for state or fee wells which have been inactive for more than two years. The wells requiring single-well financial assurances are identified in the attached sheet.
 - **Corrective action.** Order _____, issued on ______ after notice and hearing, found your company to be in violation of an order requiring corrective action. See 19.15.5.9(A)(2) NMAC.
- _____ **Unpaid penalties.** Your company has not paid the penalties assessed against your company in ______, issued on ______. More

than 70 days have passed since the issuance of the order assessing the penalty. See 19.15.5.9(A)(3) NMAC.

XXXX Inactive wells. According to the attached inactive well list, your company has too many wells in violation of the inactive well rule (19.15.25.8 NMAC) that are not subject to an inactive well agreed compliance order. See 19.15.5.9(A)(4) NMAC. As an operator of <u>103</u> wells, your company may have no more than <u>5</u> wells in violation of the inactive well rule. Your company has <u>41</u> wells in violation of the inactive well rule. In addition,

I have enclosed an information sheet explaining the requirements of Part 5.9. You may resubmit your request after your company has returned to compliance with Part 5.9.

Respectfully yours,

Daniel Sanchez Acting Division Director Division Compliance and Enforcement Manager

Ec: Larry "Buddy" Hill, District 1 Supervisor Randy Dade, District 2 Supervisor Charlie Perrin, District 3 Supervisor Ed Martin, District 4 Supervisor Donna Mull, Compliance Officer Theresa Duran-Saenz, Legal Assistant, Santa Fe Sonny Swazo, OCD Assistant General Counsel

Inactive Well Additional Financial Assurance Report 257420 EOR OPERATING COMPANY Total Well Count: 103 Printed On: Thursday, March 24 2011

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Property	Well Name	Lease Type	ULSTR	OCD Unit Letter	API	Well Type	Last Prod/Inj	Inactive Additional Bond Due	Measured Depth	Required Bond Amount	Bond Required Now	Bond In Place	In Violation
	BROWN #001	P	J-5 -07S-34E	J	30-041-20837	0	-	01/01/2013	4218	9218		0	
	CROSSROADS SILURO DEVONIAN UNIT #102	Ρ	G-34-09S-36E	G	30-025-03630	0		01/01/2013	12182			0	
	CROSSROADS SILURO DEVONIAN UNIT #105	Р	B-34-09S-36E	в	30-025-23472	0		10/01/2012	12177	17177		0	
	CROSSROADS SILURO DEVONIAN UNIT #106	Ρ	H-34-09S-36E	н	30-025-24143	0	08/2010	09/01/2012	12175	17175		0	
	CROSSROADS SILURO DEVONIAN UNIT #202	Ρ	F-27-09S-36E	F	30-025-03612	0	12/2010	01/01/2013	11880	16880		0	
	CROSSROADS SILURO DEVONIAN UNIT #202Y	Ρ	F-27-09S-36E	F	30-025-24188	о	06/2009	07/01/2011	11943	16943		16943	
	CROSSROADS SILURO DEVONIAN UNIT #203	Ρ	C-27-09S-36E	С	30-025-24144	0	12/2008	01/01/2011	12018	17018	Y	0	Y
	CROSSROADS SILURO DEVONIAN UNIT #302	Ρ	I-27-09S-36E	I	30-025-03608	0	12/2010	01/01/2013	12102	17102		0	
	CROSSROADS SILURO DEVONIAN UNIT #303	Ρ	G-27-09S-36E	G	30-025-03609	0	12/2010	01/01/2013	12150	17150		0	
	CROSSROADS SILURO DEVONIAN UNIT #304	Р	A-27-09S-36E	Α	30-025-03610	I	12/2010	01/01/2013	12132	17132		0	
	CROSSROADS SILURO DEVONIAN UNIT #307	Р	J-27-09S-36E	J	30-025-24100	0	12/2010	01/01/2013	12150	17150		0	
306451	HORTON FEDERAL #002	F	C-30-08S-35E	Ċ	30-041-10102	0	11/2009		4689			0	
	HORTON FEDERAL #003	F	2-30-08S-35E	Е	30-041-10103	0	12/2010		4695			0	
	HORTON FEDERAL #004	F	F-30-08S-35E	F	30-041-10104	I	02/2009		4690			0	
	HORTON FEDERAL #007	F	B-30-08S-35E	В	30-041-10129	I	12/2010		4696			0	
	HORTON FEDERAL #013	F	0-30-08S-35E	0	30-041-10109	0	04/1986		4776			0	
	HORTON FEDERAL #014	F	4-30-08S-35E	М	30-041-10110		11/2009		4765			0	
	HORTON FEDERAL #015	F	P-30-08S-35E	Р	30-041-10111	I	12/2010		5396			0	
	HORTON FEDERAL #022	F	C-29-08S-35E	C	30-041-10116	0	12/2010		4764			0	
	HORTON FEDERAL #023	F	1-31-08S-35E	D	30-041-10117		05/2010		4780			0	
	HORTON FEDERAL #024	F	B-31-08S-35E	В	30-041-10118	I	05/2010		4730			0	
	HORTON FEDERAL #025 HORTON FEDERAL #027	F	F-29-08S-35E G-29-08S-35E	F	30-041-10119	I	03/2009		4716			0	
	HORTON FEDERAL #027	F	G-29-085-35E H-30-08S-35E	G Н	30-041-10121 30-041-20756	0 I	12/2010 02/2009		4718 4800			0	
	HORTON FEDERAL #033	F	G-30-08S-35E	G	30-041-20757	0	11/2010		4000			0	
	HORTON FEDERAL #034	F	I-30-08S-35E	I	30-041-20705		12/2010		4800			0	
	HORTON FEDERAL #035	F	C-30-08S-35E	c	30-041-20753		12/2010		4810			0	
	HORTON FEDERAL #036	F	B-30-08S-35E	В	30-041-20754	0	12/2010		999999			0	
	HORTON FEDERAL #037	F	A-30-08S-35E	A	30-041-20755		12/2010		999999			0	
	HORTON FEDERAL #038	F	H-30-08S-35E	н	30-041-20821	I	12/2010		4805			0	
304998	MILNESAND UNIT #024	F	J-19-08S-35E	J	30-041-10147	I	05/2007		4785			0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #025	F	0-19-08S-35E	ο	30-041-10148	0	05/2000		4780			0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #026	F	P-19-08S-35E	Ρ	30-041-10149	I	12/1992		4800			0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #031	F	3-18-08S-35E	L	30-041-00141	I	12/2010		11907			0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #032	F	4-18-08S-35E	м	30-041-00090	0	12/2010		4588			0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #033	F	J-18-08S-35E	J	30-041-00143	I	04/2010		9273			0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #034	F	K-18-08S-35E	к	30-041-00033	0	12/2010		4720			0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #035	F	1-19-08S-35E	D	30-041-00142	I	12/2007		9325			0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #036	F	N-18-08S-35E	Ν	30-041-00087	I	02/2009		4751			0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #037	F	C-19-08S-35E	С	30-041-00088	0	03/2010		4732			0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #038	F	0-18-08S-35E	0	30-041-00089	0	12/2010		4700			0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #039	F	2-19-08S-35E	E	30-041-10058	0	12/2010		4688			0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #054	F	H-13-08S-34E	н	30-041-00251		04/2010		4620			0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #055	F	G-13-08S-34E	G	30-041-00252		12/2010		4697			0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #056	F	F-13-08S-34E	F	30-041-00253		11/2009		4685			0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #057	F	A-24-08S-34E	A	30-041-00254		12/2010		4700			0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #058 MILNESAND UNIT #059	F F	A-13-08S-34E B-13-08S-34E	A	30-041-00255	I	09/2010		4700			0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #059 MILNESAND UNIT #062	F	D-8 -08S-34E	B D	30-041-00256 30-041-10034	I O	12/2010 07/1987		4700 5071			0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #063	F	C-8 -08S-35E	c	30-041-10034							0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #113	г Р	A-12-08S-33E	A	30-041-10036		03/1989	10/01/1988	4734 4700	9700	v	0 9700	
	MILNESAND UNIT #121	P	4-7 -08S-35E	M	30-041-10207	0		03/01/2012	4700	9700 9760	Y		
	MILNESAND UNIT #122	P	N-7 -08S-35E	N	30-041-00028	I		12/01/2009	4760	9760 9680	Y	0 9680	
	MILNESAND UNIT #123	P	3-7 -08S-35E	L	30-041-00023	0		01/01/2013	4680	9660	ſ	9880	
	MILNESAND UNIT #124	P	K-7 -08S-35E	ĸ	30-041-00030			01/01/2013	4670	9693	Y	9693	
	MILNESAND UNIT #127	P	F-7 -08S-35E	F	30-041-10017			01/01/2013	4685	9685	,	9093	
	MILNESAND UNIT #128	P	C-7 -08S-35E	, C	30-041-10018			05/01/2012	4645	9645		0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #131	P	B-7 -08S-35E	в	30-041-10041			01/01/1995	4680	9680	Y	9680	
	MILNESAND UNIT #134	P	J-7 -08S-35E	j	30-041-10044			03/01/1995	4700	9700	Y	9700	
	MILNESAND UNIT #141	P	M-12-08S-34E	M	30-041-00050	o		01/01/2013	4665	9665	•	0,00	
	MILNESAND UNIT #142	P	L-12-085-34E	L	30-041-10008			02/01/1989	4701	9701	Y	9701	
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	MILNESAND UNIT #152	Ρ	K-12-08S-34E	К	30-041-00010	0		10/01/1990	4700	9700	Y	9700	
	MILNESAND UNIT #162	Р	P-12-08S-34E	Ρ	30-041-00243	I		01/01/2013	4700	9700		0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #163	Р	J-12-08S-34E	J	30-041-00244	0		02/01/1992	4700	9700	Y	9700	
	MILNESAND UNIT #164	Ρ	I-12-08S-34E	I	30-041-00245			01/01/1995	4700	9700	Y	9700	
	MILNESAND UNIT #172	Ρ	G-14-08S-34E	G	30-041-00119	0		01/01/1995	9293	14293	Y	14293	
	MILNESAND UNIT #182	Ρ	1-18-08S-35E	D	30-041-00131	I	12/2010	01/01/2013	9310	14310		0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #183	Ρ	F-18-08S-35E	F	30-041-00136	I	12/2010	01/01/2013	9288	14288		0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #185	Р	C-18-08S-35E	С	30-041-10056	0	12/1992	01/01/1995	4700	9700	Y	9700	
	MILNESAND UNIT #186	Ρ	G-18-08S-35E	G	30-041-10194	0	07/2010	08/01/2012	4725	9725		0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #187	Ρ	B-18-08S-35E	В	30-041-10057	Ι	06/2005	07/01/2007	4720	9720	Y	9720	
	MILNESAND UNIT #191	Ρ	I-13-08S-34E	I	30-041-00083	0	12/2007	01/01/2010	4720	9720	Y	9720	
	MILNESAND UNIT #192	Ρ	J-13-08S-34E	J	30-041-00138	I	12/2010	01/01/2013	9275	14275		0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #193	Ρ	0-13-08S-34E	0	30-041-00084	0	07/2003	08/01/2005	4720	9720	Y	9720	
	MILNESAND UNIT #194	Ρ	K-13-08S-34E	к	30-041-00032	0	12/2010	01/01/2013	4720	9720		0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #195	Ρ	P-13-08S-34E	Ρ	30-041-00137	I	12/2010	01/01/2013	9280	14280		0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #197	Р	L-13-08S-34E	L	30-041-00140	0	06/1988	07/01/1990	9304	14304	Y	14304	
	MILNESAND UNIT #201	Ρ	B-25-08S-34E	В	30-041-10180	0	02/1993	03/01/1995	4796	9796	Y	9796	
	MILNESAND UNIT #202	Р	A-25-08S-34E	Α	30-041-10181	0	01/2003	02/01/2005	4700	9700	Y	9700	
	MILNESAND UNIT #310	F	F-19-08S-35E	F	30-041-10059	I	05/2000		4725			0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #311	F	B-19-08S-35E	В	30-041-10060	I	02/2009		4720			0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #312	F	G-19-08S-35E	G	30-041-10061	0	03/2010		4735			0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #313	F	3-19-08S-35E	L	30-041-10062	0	06/2008		4758			0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #314	F	K-19-08S-35E	к	30-041-10063	0	12/2010		4755			0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #315	F	4-19-08S-35E	М	30-041-10064	0	12/2010		4725			0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #317	F	H-19-08S-35E	н	30-041-10195	I	05/2007		4717			0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #318	F	A-19-08S-35E	А	30-041-10049	0	12/2010		4700			0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #510	F	C-13-08S-34E	С	30-041-00259	0	04/1983		4700			0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #511	F	D-13-08S-34E	D	30-041-00257	0	12/1992		4700			0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #512	F	G-24-08S-34E	G	30-041-00258	0	12/2010		4700			0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #514	F	J-24-08S-34E	J	30-041-00261	0	12/1992		4772			0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #515	F	I-24-08S-34E	I	30-041-00262	0	05/2000		4800			0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #516	F	0-24-08S-34E	0	30-041-10208	0	06/1977		4796			0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #517	F	P-24-08S-34E	Ρ	30-041-10158	I	12/1992		4790			0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #519	F	I-25-08S-34E	I	30-041-10160	0	02/2010		4900			0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #521	Ρ	H-24-08S-34E	н	30-041-20466	0	12/2010	01/01/2013	4803	9803		0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #522	F	B-13-08S-34E	в	30-041-20647	0	12/2010		4750			o	
	MILNESAND UNIT #523	F	A-13-08S-34E	А	30-041-20648	0	10/2009		4750			0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #524	F	H-13-08S-34E	н	30-041-20649	0	12/2010		4750			0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #525	F	A-13-08S-34E	А	30-041-20650	0	12/2010		4750			0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #602	Р	F-18-08S-35E	F	30-041-20892	0		01/01/2013	4690	9690		0	
	MILNESAND UNIT #603	F	G-19-08S-35E	G	30-041-20894	õ	12/2010	-,, =010	4815			0	
38227	U D SAWYER #001	P	A-34-09S-36E	Ā	30-025-03629			01/01/2013	12187	17187		17187	
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Inactive Well List

Total Well Count: 103 Inactive Well Count: 41

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				OCD			Lease	Well	Last			TA Exp
District	API	Well	ULSTR		OGRID	Operator	Туре	Туре		Formation/Notes	Status	Date
1	30-025-24188	CROSSROADS SILURO DEVONIAN UNIT #202Y	F-27-09S-36E	F	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	Ρ	0	06/2009			
1	30-025-24144	CROSSROADS SILURO DEVONIAN UNIT #203	C-27-09S-36E	С	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	Ρ	0	12/2008	10/09/08 RET TO PROD		
1	30-041-10102	HORTON FEDERAL #002	C-30-08S-35E	С	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	F	0	11/2009	SAN ANDRES CHG OF OPR TO EOR 12/11/08		
1	30-041-10104	HORTON FEDERAL #004	F-30-08S-35E	F	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	F	I	02/2009			
1	30-041-10109	HORTON FEDERAL #013	O-30-08S-35E	0	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	F	0	04/1986	SAN ANDRES CHG OF OPR TO EOR 12/11/08	т	7/9/2004
1	30-041-10110	HORTON FEDERAL #014	4-30-08S-35E	м	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	F	0	11/2009	SAN ANDRES CHG OF OPR TO EOR 12/11/08		
1	30-041-10119	HORTON FEDERAL #025	F-29-08S-35E	F	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	F	Ι	03/2009			
1	30-041-20756	HORTON FEDERAL #032	H-30-08S-35E	н	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	F	Ι	02/2009	SAN ANDRES	т	7/9/2004
1	30-041-10148	MILNESAND UNIT #025	0-19-08S-35E	0	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	F	0	05/2000	INT TO RUN MIT BY 01/04/2010 BLM	т	6/30/1994
1	30-041-10149	MILNESAND UNIT #026	P-19-08S-35E	Ρ	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	F	I	12/1992	INT TO RUN MIT BY 01/04/2010 BLM	т	4/15/2009
1	30-041-00142	MILNESAND UNIT #035	1-19-08S-35E	D	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	F	I	12/2007	INT TO TA 09/28/09 BLM	т	6/2/2010
1	30-041-00087	MILNESAND UNIT #036	N-18-08S-35E	Ν	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	F	I	02/2009	SAN ANDRES	т	6/2/2010
1	30-041-00253	MILNESAND UNIT #056	F-13-08S-34E	F	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	F	I	11/2009			
1	30-041-10034	MILNESAND UNIT #062	D-8 -08S-35E	D	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	F	0	07/1987			
1	30-041-10036	MILNESAND UNIT #063	C-8 -08S-35E	С	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	F	0	03/1989			
1	30-041-10207	MILNESAND UNIT #113	A-12-08S-34E	A	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	Ρ	0	09/1986			
1		MILNESAND UNIT #122	N-7 -08S-35E	Ν	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	Р	I	11/2007			
1	30-041-00031	MILNESAND UNIT #124	K-7 -08S-35E	к	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	Ρ	0	12/1992		т	6/30/1994
1	30-041-10041	MILNESAND UNIT #131	B-7 -08S-35E	в	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	Ρ	0	12/1992			
1	30-041-10044	MILNESAND UNIT #134	J-7 -08S-35E	J	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	Ρ	0	02/1993	SAN ANDRES	т	6/30/1994
1	30-041-10008	MILNESAND UNIT #142	L-12-08S-34E	L	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	P	0	01/1987			
1	30-041-00010	MILNESAND UNIT #152	K-12-08S-34E	к	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	Ρ	0	09/1988			
1	30-041-00244	MILNESAND UNIT #163	J-12-08S-34E	J	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	Ρ	0	01/1990			
1	30-041-00245	MILNESAND UNIT #164	I-12-08S-34E	I	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	Ρ	0	12/1992		т	6/30/1994
1	30-041-00119	MILNESAND UNIT #172	G-14-08S-34E	G	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	Ρ	0	12/1992		т	6/30/1994
1	30-041-10056	MILNESAND UNIT #185	C-18-08S-35E	с	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	Ρ	0	12/1992			
1	30-041-00083	MILNESAND UNIT #191	I-13-08S-34E	Ι	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	Ρ	0	12/2007			
1	30-041-00084	MILNESAND UNIT #193	O-13-08S-34E	0	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	Ρ	0	07/2003	SAN ANDRES		
1	30-041-00140	MILNESAND UNIT #197	L-13-08S-34E	L	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	Ρ	0	06/1988		Т	6/30/1994
1	30-041-10180	MILNESAND UNIT #201	B-25-08S-34E	В	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	Ρ	0	02/1993			

1	30-041-10181	MILNESAND UNIT #202	A-25-08S-34E	Α	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	Р	0	01/2003			
1	30-041-10059	MILNESAND UNIT #310	F-19-08S-35E	F	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	F	I	05/2000	SAN ANDRES TA EXP 06/02/2010 PER BLM	т	6/2/2010
1	30-041-10060	MILNESAND UNIT #311	B-19-08S-35E	В	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	F	I	02/2009	TA EXP 06/02/2010 PER BLM	т	6/2/2010
1	30-041-10062	MILNESAND UNIT #313	3-19-08S-35E	L	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	F	0	06/2008	SAN ANDRES REACTIVATE /RWTP BLM 12/03/10		
1	30-041-00259	MILNESAND UNIT #510	C-13-08S-34E	С	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	F	0	04/1983	INT TO RUN MIT BEFORE 04/04/10 BLM	т	6/30/1994
1	30-041-00257	MILNESAND UNIT #511	D-13-08S-34E	D	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	F	0	12/1992	INT TO RUN MIT BEFORE 01/4/2010 BLM		
1	30-041-00261	MILNESAND UNIT #514	J-24-08S-34E	J	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	F	0	12/1992	INT TO RUN MIT BEFORE 01/04/2010 BLM	т	6/30/1994
1	30-041-00262	MILNESAND UNIT #515	I-24-08S-34E	I	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	F	0	05/2000	INT OT RUN MIT BY 01/04/10 BLM		
1	30-041-10208	MILNESAND UNIT #516	0-24-08S-34E	0	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	F	0	06/1977	INT TO RUN MIT BEFORE 01/04/2010 BLM		
1	30-041-10158	MILNESAND UNIT #517	P-24-08S-34E	Ρ	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	F	Ι	12/1992	SAN ANDRES INT TO RUN MIT BY 01/04/10 BL	т	12/10/1997
1	30-041-20648	MILNESAND UNIT #523	A-13-08S-34E	A	257420	EOR OPERATING COMPANY	F	0	10/2009			

WHERE Ogrid:257420, County:All, District:All, Township:All, Range:All, Section:All, Production(months):15, Excludes Wells Under ACOI, Excludes Wells in Approved TA Period

INFORMATION SHEET FOR PART 5.9

Oil Conservation Division (OCD) Rule 19.15.5.9 NMAC, commonly known as "Part 5.9," requires operators to meet certain minimum compliance standards for the wells they already operate before they can drill, acquire, produce or inject into additional wells. If an operator is out of compliance as defined by Part 5.9, the OCD:

- <u>May</u> deny registration by the operator or certain related entities. *See* 19.15.9.8(B) NMAC.
- <u>May</u> deny applications for change of operator that would transfer wells to the operator. *See* 19.15.9.9(C) NMAC.
- Must deny injection permits. See 19.15.26.8(A) NMAC.
- May deny APDs. See 19.15.14.10(A) NMAC.
- Must deny allowable and authorizations to transport. See 19.15.16.19(A) NMAC.

In addition, the OCD may, after notice and hearing, revoke previously issued injection permits if the operator is out of compliance with Part 5.9. *See* 19.15.26.8(A) NMAC.

To stay in compliance with Part 5.9, an operator must:

- Keep current with the financial assurance requirements for well plugging. See 19.15.5.9(A)(1) NMAC.
- Comply with orders requiring corrective action. *See* 19.15.5.9(A)(2) NMAC.
- Pay properly assessed penalties. See 19.15.5.9(A)(3) NMAC.
- Have no more than a certain number of wells out of compliance with the inactive well rule. *See* 19.15.5.9(A)(4) NMAC.

FINANCIAL ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS: The OCD's financial assurance requirements for well plugging are set out in 19.15.8.9 NMAC. The OCD requires all state or fee wells to be covered by a financial assurance. The OCD does not require financial assurances for Federal or Indian wells.

The operator must <u>either</u> post a blanket financial assurance in the amount of \$50,000 to cover its state or fee wells, <u>or</u> post single-well financial assurances for each state or fee well in the amount set by the rule.

If the operator chooses to post a blanket financial assurance, it must <u>also</u> post single-well financial assurances for each state or fee well that has been inactive for more than two years that has not been plugged <u>and</u> <u>released</u>. Note that a single-well financial assurance is required even if the well is on approved temporary abandonment status, and even if the wellbore of the well has been plugged. To check compliance with this requirement, go to <u>www.emnrd.state.nm.us/OCD</u>, OCD Online, E-Permitting, Compliance, Financial Assurance. Insert the operator name or OGRID, and hit "Get Report." The report will list <u>all</u> the wells for that operator that have not been plugged and released. Wells currently in violation of the single-well financial assurance requirement will have a "Y" in the far right column, titled "In Violation."

For information on how to post financial assurances, please contact OCD Financial Assurance Administrator Dorothy Phillips, (505) 476-3461, <u>Dorothy.phillips@state.nm.us</u>.

CORRECTIVE ACTION REQUIREMENTS: If an operator fails to take an action required by a hearing order or an agreed compliance order, the OCD may go to hearing to obtain a formal order finding the operator "in violation of an order requiring corrective action." Once such an order is issued and becomes final, the operator will be out of compliance with Part 5.9 until that order is lifted. To lift the order, the operator must

complete the corrective action required, and file a motion to declare the order satisfied. The Oil Conservation Division or the Oil Conservation Commission, as appropriate, may grant the motion without hearing or may set the matter for hearing.

UNPAID PENALTIES: An operator with a penalty assessment unpaid more than 70 days after issuance of the order assessing the penalty will be in violation of Part 5.9 until that penalty is paid. Penalties may be assessed by the district court, or may be agreed to by the operator under an agreed compliance order entered into to resolve a compliance action.

INACTIVE WELLS: The inactive well rule, 19.15.25.8 NMAC, requires any well that has been inactive for a period of more than 15 months to be plugged and abandoned, placed on approved temporary abandonment status, or returned to production or other beneficial use. An operator will be out of compliance with Part 5.9 if it has too many wells in violation of the inactive well rule; the number of non-compliant wells allowed depends on the size of the operator. Under Part 5.9, if an operator operates:

- <u>1 well</u>, it may have <u>no wells</u> out of compliance;
- <u>2 or 3 wells</u>, it may have no more than <u>1 well</u> out of compliance;
- <u>4 to 100 wells</u>, it may have no more than <u>2 wells</u> out of compliance;
- <u>101 to 500 wells</u>, it may have no more than <u>5 wells</u> out of compliance;
- 501 to 1000 wells, it may have no more than 7 wells out of compliance; and
- <u>1000 or more wells</u>, it may have no more than <u>10 wells</u> out of compliance.

To check compliance with 5.9 as to inactive wells, go to <u>www.emnrd.state.nm.us/OCD</u>, OCD Online, E-Permitting, Compliance, Inactive Well List. Do not change the default search terms. Insert the operator name or OGRID, and hit "Get Report." The report will identify the wells that -- according to OCD records -- have been inactive for 15 months, are not on approved temporary abandonment status, do not have a plugged wellbore, and are not subject to an inactive well agreed compliance order. For purposes of Part 5.9, if a well appears on this list, there is a rebuttable presumption that the well is in violation of the inactive well rule. The heading of the list will also identify the total well count for the operator, and the total number of noncompliant inactive wells, so you can determine if the operator is in compliance with Part 5.9.

If your company has more non-compliant wells than allowed under Part 5.9, you will need to return wells to compliance by returning them to production or other beneficial use, placing them on approved temporary abandonment status, or plugging the wellbore. In some limited circumstances, the OCD may be willing to enter into an inactive well agreed compliance order setting a schedule for returning the wells to compliance and imposing sanctions if that schedule is not met. Wells covered by an inactive well agreed compliance order are not included when calculating Part 5.9 compliance. For information on inactive well agreed compliance orders, contact OCD Attorney Sonny Swazo at (505) 476-3463, <u>Sonny.swazo@state.nm.us</u>.