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Ref: McElvain #3, 30-025-28557, UI-4-30-18S-34E

Dear Mr. Trainer:

Well File
Chris - FYI!
This is coming up
on computer for
follow up.

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) is in receipt of your letter of 12/2/2002. The concerns your company has with partners in the well not paying their part of repair costs to the well is out of the jurisdiction of the NMOCD. Compelling a partner to pay their share of repair costs is between the operator and its partners.

In reviewing the well file, nowhere is there a Sundry Notice describing the repairs to the well. Also, your letter refers to the well as being temporarily abandoned (TA). According to NMOCD Rule 203, for a well to be properly TA'd a cast iron bridge plug must be set within 100 feet of the top perforation and the casing tested and the pressure recorded on a chart. Nowhere in the well file does such a chart exist. The well is by definition **shut in**, not TA'd.

The date for this well to be brought into compliance is 12/29/2002. If the well is not TA'd, or plugged and abandoned or producing by that date, the NMOCD will have no choice but to set the matter to a "Show Cause" hearing in Santa Fe.

Sincerely

Chris Williams,
NMOCD District 1 Supervisor