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Dale L. Hoopes Roustabout Service
410 East Nadine Road
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RE: Elma M. Hunt # 1
Unit Letter N, Section 26, Township 23 South, Range 37 East

Gentlemen:

Through routine inspection it has come to our attention that the above referenced well has been shut in for an extended period of time. A review of our records show that this well has not been Temporarily Abandoned. Producing wells can not be shut in for longer than a year. The following options are available regarding the future disposition of this well:

1. Restore the well to production.
2. Set plug, conduct mechanical integrity test, and request temporary abandoned status.
3. Submit a proposal to plug and abandon the well, proceed with plugging on a timely basis after the proposal has been evaluated, amended and or approved

During this same inspection a unlined pit was discovered on the east side of the tank battery. The NMOCD is requesting that a pit closure and remediation plan be submitted to our office within 30 days receipt of this notice. To assist you in this matter, we are enclosing a copy of the NMOCD Guidelines for pit closures. If you have any further questions, or need any assistance please do not hesitate to write or call the NMOCD Environmental Engineer, Donna Williams at (505-393-6161 ext.....113). We request that you notify this office 24 hours prior to any operation in order to witness the operation, either repair or plugging and pressure test upon completion of repairs or to request TXA status.

Very truly yours
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION

Billy Prichard
Deputy Inspector, District 1

Xc: Chris Williams
Gary Wink
Donna Williams
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