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Mr. Don Hembre
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RE: Directive for Wells in Non-Compliance

Dear Sir:

On June 6, 1990 the Sindt #7 injection well was found to be in non-compliance by failure to pass a mechanical integrity test. On June 8, 1990 the Commission sent Lewis & Clark notification of the failure with the stipulation per COGCC rule 319 b. (5) that the well be repaired and tested or plugged and abandoned no later than December 5, 1990. On December 13, 1990 the Commission received a your written request for a ninety day (90) extension to resolve operational problems to justify the need for workover operations on the Sindt #7. The Commission granted your request for an extension until March 5, 1991. Per your conversation with John Stowell on March 15, 1991, the Commission granted Lewis & Clark a second (2nd) extension until June 1, 1991. On June 4, 1991 your office submitted a letter requesting another deadline extension so that a production test could be conducted on the DuBois #1. The Commission granted this third (3rd) extension until June 29, 1991. On June 28, 1991 work to plug and abandon the Sindt #7 commenced. The Commission conducted a site inspection on September 12, 1991 to verify the P&A work. Although the well had been plugged, site restoration was incomplete. The Commission sent a letter on September 25, 1991 directing Lewis & Clark to finalize the restoration of the Sindt #7 no later than October 25, 1991. When the restoration work was not completed by the October deadline, a certified letter was sent to your office as a formal notice for you to appear before the Deputy Director on November 27, 1991. The intent of this hearing was to determine why the Sindt #7 location had not been restored or a disposal application submitted within the time frame as specified in the Commission's September 25, 1991 letter.

On November 25, 1991 Lewis & Clark submitted an application to re-enter the Sindt #7. On the day the application was to expire (April 10, 1992), Lewis & Clark submitted a request for an extension. The extension was granted with the requirement that the well be either producing or the location restored and the surface equipment removed by August 10, 1992. As of this date, the well has not been re-entered and neither condition has been met.

You are hereby directed to complete the restoration of the Sindt #7 injection well no later than October 15, 1992.

The Commission is also requiring immediate action on the following wells:

Weber #9-9, NE SE 9 16S 46W; The Commission notified you on January 17, 1992 that this well required a mechanical integrity test prior to March 31, 1992. This has not been done to date. The well must pass a mechanical integrity test by September 30, 1992 or be properly plugged and abandoned no later than October 31, 1992.

Champlin-Larsen #23-14X and Champlin-Larsen 1-RDD, SE SW 23 15S 46W; On July 20, 1984 you requested that the Commission allow the #1-RDD to remain shut-in pending the drilling of the #23-14X. At that time it was indicated that Lewis & Clark would take action after reservoir evaluation. This has not occurred. The Commission has never received a valid plan for utilization of the wells even though both wells have remained temporarily abandoned since 1985. A sundry notice submitted June 6, 1991 for the #23-14X indicated that you would submit a plan for utilization or abandonment by December 6, 1991. The Commission has received no further correspondence. If Lewis & Clark wishes to maintain these wells in their current status, the wells must pass a mechanical integrity test by October 31, 1992 or be properly plugged and abandoned no later than November 30, 1992.

Lowe #1, NW NW 26 15S 46W; Lowe #2, SE NW 26 15S 46W; These wells have been temporarily abandoned since 1985 without a valid plan for utilization. To keep these two wells in their current status, the wells must pass a mechanical integrity test no later than October 31, 1992 or be properly plugged and abandoned by November 30, 1992.

Submit in writing no later than September 15, 1992 a detailed utilization plan and timetable to bring the aforementioned wells into compliance. No further negotiations or extensions will be considered. Failure to respond to this letter and/or commencement of the work necessary to bring the wells into compliance will necessitate that this matter be brought before the Commission for hearing.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dennis R. Bicknell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Dennis R. Bicknell, P.E.
Director

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