

Office Code
Subject Code
Case File Number

Date

Certified Mail-Return Receipt Requested

Decision

Company _____ : Oil and Gas Lease
Address _____ : No. _____
Address _____ :

Designation of Operator Required

_____ Existing operator _____ has informed the _____ Field Office, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), that they no longer are authorized or responsible to accomplish the duties of operator for well No. _____, lease No. _____, Section _____, Township _____, Range _____. The explanation provided by _____ existing operator _____ is _____. As record title holder for this lease, _____ company _____ is hereby required to identify to the Colorado State office, BLM, within 60 days of receipt of this letter, the operator for this well. We advise (coordination with the other record title holders and) notification of all operating right holder(s) for this lease prior to the designation of an operator.

If an operator is not identified for this well within the 60 day period, _____ majority RT company _____, as majority record title holder, will be designated the operator. The lessee (record title holder) is responsible for the performance of obligations under the lease in accordance with the lease terms and conditions and provisions of Title 43 CFR 3106.7-2.

All operators are required to be bonded or covered by a bond (Title 43 CFR 3162.3). Any party assuming well or lease operations, who is not currently providing bond coverage or consent of surety or obligor for this well, will be required to furnish the appropriate bond coverage (Title 43 CFR Subpart 3104). Adequate bond coverage must be provided or the lease will be subject to cancellation.

A copy of this letter was sent to all lease record title holders of record (Attachment 1).

You are allowed 60 days from the date you receive this decision within which to meet the above requirements. During this compliance period, you do not have the right of appeal to the Interior Board of Land appeals. Your appeal period begins when the compliance period ends.

Within 30 days after the end of the compliance period, you have the right of appeal to the Board of Land Appeals, Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations at 43 Code of Federal Regulations 4.400. If an appeal is taken, you must follow the procedures outlined in the enclosed Form CSO 1840-6, Information on Taking Appeals to the Board of Land Appeals (Attachment 2). The form also includes instructions for filing a petition for stay of any decision appealed. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.

If you have any questions, please contact _____ at _____

2 Attachments

List of record title holders for Lease No. _____.

Form CSO 1840-6

cc: _____ Field Office, Office Code