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Aztec District III-Request for information.

The Oil Conservation Division's District III Aztec office is requesting operators to provide them with information relating to wellbore(s) that have communicated with another wellbore(s) to the OCD District III Office within thirty (30) days of this request. Recent events indicate that there have been well communication events that may affect correlative rights and/or cause concern for health, safety, and the environment. This request includes information regarding communication of any kind through drilling, completion, stimulation or production operations relating to both vertical and horizontal wells. Evaluation of these issues will help address and alleviate future concerns.

“Correlative rights” means the opportunity afforded, as far as it is practicable to do so, to the owner of each property in a pool to produce without waste the owner's just and equitable share of the oil or gas in the pool, being an amount, so far as can be practically determined, and so far as can be practicably obtained without waste, substantially in the proportion that the quantity of recoverable oil or gas under the property bears to the total recoverable oil or gas in the pool, and for the purpose to use the owner's just and equitable share of the reservoir energy.

For future operations: Operators will be expected to immediately report any instances of unintended inter-well communication or other impacts which may result from stimulation operations.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this request please contact me at 505-334-6178 ext. 111

Thank you,

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