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**NOTICE TO OPERATORS**

Concerning  
APD Extensions

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The Division will no longer issue more than two drilling permit extensions beyond the original approval, for wells to be drilled on State or Private leases. This means that if a well is not drilled within three years of the original approval date, filing of a new APD will be necessary. Experience has shown that after this length of time, the information in the original application is most likely outdated and should be re-submitted to avoid unnecessary problems and conflicts. Permit extensions on federal and Indian leases will be coordinated with the BLM to avoid conflicts.