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**Alliance of the Rat Killers
Surface & Mineral Owners Collaborate!
Surface And Mineral Owners, consider your mutual interests!**

1. SURFACE OWNERS, you contend with FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES which have done little to mitigate decades of solid wastes left behind by DEVELOPERS, the last of whom who sold its depleted assets to a JUDGMENT PROOF BOTTOM DWELLER who pumps stripper wells, evades taxation and fails to maintain the antiquated equipment. These ratpack friends made money by storing their hazardous waste-free-of- charge on your private property. Your acres on an adjoining the drill site have been condemned and became an UNCOMPENSATED-UNPERMITTED SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SITE
2. MINERAL OWNERS, your minerals have been tied up by a trick knot: By this I mean the leases which falsely “hold minerals by production” and have done so for years, yield nothing save a few pennies of royalty on an erratic basis.

Meet your companion estate owners! Kill the rats above and below the ground.

There has never been a more auspicious time for killing rats. Why? Because of the crash of the oil market. Thank COVID, Prince Mohammed Bin Solomon, Premier Vladimir Putin, and President Donald Trump. Our president handed Lynn Helms and the North Dakota’s Industrial Commission \$66 million to quickly condemn, carefully plug bore holes and partially reclaim abandoned wells. One of the conditions of receipt of the Federal Money was to admit that that North Dakota has “orphans,” abandoned wells.

That admission caused a review of NDIC deceptions: To receive the \$66 and a second \$25 million the State has now acknowledged that any well whose plugging and reclamation costs are not covered by bonding nor any well which is not owned by a company with resources adequate to retire the asset is an orphan.

Carbon Tracker studied North Dakota Cares Act data and has provided us with a tool to accurately calculate the cost of plugging and reclamation. The latter cost is understated but nevertheless is sufficient to help establish which wells belong in the orphanage.

North Dakota statutes provide a procedure for mineral owners to demand the cancellation of leases by developers whose wells are not producing and are not economic.

The demand to acknowledge that the lease is now void culminates in a notice filed in the County Recorder’s office. Thereafter the mineral estate is free of lease, able to be leased again.

What to do?

3. Surface Estate Owners should provide legal description, location and explained of the contaminated acres with an summary of the well’s history. An affidavit will ultimately be prepared.
4. Mineral estate owners should identify the string of developers, the address of the leaseholder and copies of payment records for at 6 years.

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