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LETTER OF VIOLATION - Inspection

Dear Operator:

The following inspection(s) indicate that the well, equipment, location or operational status of the well(s) failed to meet standards of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division as described in the detail section below. To comply with standards imposed by Rules and Regulations of the Division, corrective action must be taken immediately and the situation brought into compliance. The detail section indicates preliminary findings and/or probable nature of the violation. This determination is based on an inspection of your well or facility by an inspector employed by the Oil Conservation Division on the date(s) indicated.

Please notify the proper district office of the Division, in writing, of the date corrective actions are scheduled to be made so that arrangements can be made to reinspect the well and/or facility.

INSPECTION DETAIL SECTION

SOUTH CULEBRA BLUFF 23 No.005

D-23-23S-28E

30-015-26294-00-00

Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection No.
12/15/2005	Routine/Periodic	Chris Beadle	Yes	No	1/10/2006	iCLB0534949059
	Violations					
	Surface Leaks/Spills					

Comments on Inspection: Location needs attention. Equipment OK. Localized wellhead contamination with heavier contamination approximately fifteen feet east of well head. This area covers approximately 3 x 12 feet to a depth of at least 8 inches.

Remediation is required. All soil remediation activities that occur on location must comply with the soil remediation guidelines in OCD publication "Guidelines For Remediation of Leaks, Spills, and Releases". This document may be found on the NMOCD web site:
www.emnrd.state.nm.us/ocd, under Publications> Environmental Handbook> Miscellaneous Guidelines> Remediation of Leaks, Spills and Releases.

Notify NMOCD District 2 Office 24 hours prior to taking samples where results of the samples may be submitted to the OCD. Site remediation must be completed prior to January 10, 2006. Notify NMOCD District 2 Office when remediation on location is completed.

In the event that a satisfactory response is not received to this letter of direction by the "Corrective Action Due By:" date shown above, further enforcement will occur. Such enforcement may include this office applying to the Division for an order summoning you to a hearing before a Division Examiner in Santa Fe to show cause why you should not be ordered to permanently plug and abandon this well. Such a hearing may result in imposition of CIVIL PENALTIES for your violation of OCD rules.

Sincerely,



Artesia OCD District Office

Note: Information in Detail Section comes directly from field inspector data entries - not all blanks will contain data.

*Significant Non-Compliance events are reported directly to the EPA, Region VI, Dallas, Texas.