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BTA OIL PRODUCERS 104 S PECOS MIDLAND TX 79701 LOV NO. 02-07-206

**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

PARDUE C 8808 JVP No.001

N-11-23S-28E

30-015-26341-00-00

Inspection Date

Type Inspection

Inspector

Violation? No

\*Significant Non-Compliance? Corrective Action Due By:

Inspection No.

10/19/2007

Bradenhead

Richard Inge

Yes

No.

1/22/2008

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Comments on Inspection:

Pit found on location where an existing flowline has dumped contaminants in it. Operator said it was an overflow line from the pump. NMAC Rule 19.15.1.7.P.3 states: "Pit shall mean any surface or sub-surface impoundment, man-made or natural depression or diked area on the surface. Excluded from this definition are berms constructed around tanks or other facilities solely for the purpose of safety and secondary containment." Please clean up the site and remove the overflow lines by compliance due date. You might consider directing the overflow into a fiberglass tank, or below-grade tank.

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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 Divison 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,

RICHTARD NEE

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.