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Response Required – Deadline Enclosed

Underground Injection Control Program

"Protecting Our Underground Sources of Drinking"

27-Mar-13

HOBBS OCD

LINN OPERATING, INC.
600 TRAVIS SUITE 5100
HOUSTON TX 77002-

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**LETTER OF VIOLATION and SHUT-IN
DIRECTIVE Failed Mechanical Integrity Test**

Dear

The following test(s) were performed on the listed dates on the following well(s) shown below in the test detail section.

The test(s) indicates that the well or wells failed to meet mechanical integrity standards of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division. To comply with guidelines established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the well(s) must be shut-in immediately until it is successfully repaired. The test detail section which follows indicates preliminary findings and/or probable causes of the failure. This determination is based on a test of your well or facility by an inspector employed by the Oil Conservation Division. Additional testing during the repair operation may be necessary to properly identify the nature of the well failure.

Please notify the proper district office of the Division at least 48 hours prior to the date and time that the well(s) will be retested so the test may be witnessed by a field representative.

MECHANICAL INTEGRITY TEST DETAIL SECTION

EAST HOBBS SAN ANDRES UNIT No.109

30-025-07954-00-00

Active Injection - (All Types)

H-30-18S-39E

Test Date: 3/15/2013	Permitted Injection PSI:	Actual PSI:
Test Reason: Annual IMIT	Test Result: F	Repair Due: 6/18/2013
Test Type: Bradenhead Test	FAIL TYPE: Operational Violation	FAIL CAUSE:
Comments on MIT: BHT FAILURE 03/15/2013; OVER PRESSURE LIMIT; APPROVED PRESSURE LIMIT 890 PSI; OPERATOR REPORTED 1250 PSI; ***OPERATOR IN VIOLATION OF NMOC D RULE 19.15.26.10*** **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**		

LEA 4011 STATE No.001

30-025-20173-00-00

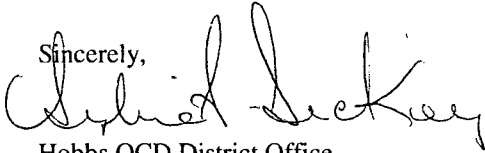
Expired TA Oil (Producing)

N-8-18S-35E

Test Date: 3/18/2013	Permitted Injection PSI:	Actual PSI:
Test Reason: Annual IMIT	Test Result: F	Repair Due: 6/21/2013
Test Type: Bradenhead Test	FAIL TYPE: Operational Violation	FAIL CAUSE:
Comments on MIT: BHT FAILURE; TA STATUS HAS EXPIRED; ***2ND NOTICE OF VIOLATION ***OPERATOR IN VIOLATION OF NMOC D RULE 19.15.26.10 & 11****PRIOR VIOLATION LETTER SUBMITTED ON 1/26/2011-BY-MAXEY-BROWN-OCD-DISTRICT-I-OFFICE.*** OPERATOR-NEEDS-TO-SUBMIT-NOTICE OF INTENT REGARDING WELL STATUS. PA, TA OR PLACE BACK ON ACTIVE STATUS.		

In the event that a satisfactory response is not received to this letter of direction by the "Repair Due:" date shown above, or if the well(s) are not immediately shut-in, 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.

Sincerely,

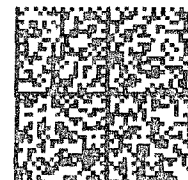


Hobbs OCD District Office

COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Note: Pressure Tests are performed prior to initial injection, after repairs and otherwise, every 5 years; Bradenhead Tests are performed annually. Information in Detail Section comes directly from field inspector data entries - not all blanks will contain data. "Failure Type" and "Failure Cause" and any Comments are not to be interpreted as a diagnosis of the condition of the wellbore. Additional testing should be conducted by the operator to accurately determine the nature of the actual failure. * Significant Non-Compliance events are reported directly to the EPA, Region VI, Dallas, Texas.

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