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Response Required – Deadline Enclosed

Underground Injection Control Program

"Protecting Our Underground Sources of Drinking Water"

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OXY USA INC
PO BOX 4294
HOUSTON TX 77210

30-015-03522

LOVNO. 02-09-210

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

Dear Operator:

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

SOUTH LOCO HILLS UNIT No.020

Active Injection - (All Types)

30-015-03522-00-00
M-20-18S-29E

Test Date: 8/30/2011
Test Reason: Annual IMIT
Test Type: Bradenhead Test
Comments on MIT: Gauge on casing matched gauge on tubing. Probable tubing leak.

Permitted Injection PSI:

Test Result: F

FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure

Actual PSI: 560

Repair Due: 12/3/2011

FAIL CAUSE:

Oil Conservation Division

811 S. First Street • Artesia, New Mexico 88210

Phone (575) 748-1283 • Fax (575) 748-9720 • www.emnrd.state.nm.us/OCD



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. Such a hearing may result in imposition of CIVIL PENALTIES for your violation of OCD rules.

Sincerely,


Artesia OCD District Office