

NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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Primero Operating Inc. PO Box 1433 Roswell, NM 88202

RE: Plainstec 001

B-27-10s-27e

API 30-005-62697

Violation of Rule 13 and 116

Dear Sirs:

This second directive is to notify you that this well is still in violation of Rule 13 and 116.

The below inspection indicated that the well, equipment, location or operational status of the well failed to meet standards of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division as described in the detail section below.

A compliance verification inspection was conducted on August 24, 2005. Results of this most recent inspection showed that NO ACTION WAS TAKEN TO BRING THE WELL INTO COMPLIANCE. 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 (below) 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 dates 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

PLAINSTEC No.001

B-27-10S-27E

30-005-62697-00-00

Inspection Date

Type Inspection

Inspector

Violation? No

Non-Compliance?

Significant

Action Due By: Inspection No. 7/14/2004 iMLB041662

Corrective

06/09/2004 Routine/Periodic Mike Bratcher Yes No 7/14/2004 iMLB0416628707 Comments on Inspection: Load line valve at storage tank is leaking. Area under valve is heavily oil saturated. Requires repair and

remediation. Violation Rule 13 and 116.

In the event that a satisfactory response is not received to this letter of direction by September 15, 2005 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,

Mike Bratcher Compliance Officer