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Dear Sir:

The provisions of NMOCD Rule 19.15.9.703 states in part:

..."Injection wells shall be equipped, operated, monitored, and maintained to facilitate periodic testing and to assure continued mechanical integrity which will result in no significant leak in the tubular goods and packing materials used and no significant fluid movement through vertical channels adjacent to the well bore."

..."Injection project, including injection wells and producing wells and all related surface facilities shall be operated and maintained at all times in such a manner as will confine the injected fluids to the interval or intervals approved and prevent surface damage or pollution resulting from leaks, breaks, or spills."

..."Injection wells or projects which have exhibited failure to confine injected fluids to the authorized injection zone or zones may be subject to restriction of injection volume and pressure, or shut-in, until the failure has been identified and corrected."

The provisions of NMOCD Rule 19.15.9.704 state in part:

..."At least once every five years thereafter, injection wells shall be tested to assure their continued mechanical integrity. " ... "The injection well operator shall advise the division of the date and time any initial, five-year, or special tests are to be commenced in order that such tests may be witnessed. "

The wells listed below were last pressure tested for mechanical integrity in May 2000.

Under the provisions of NMOCD Rule 19.15.9.703 and R-5939 the authority to inject into this Waterflood system is suspended.

Upon application by your company to reinstate this authority all wells must be pressure tested and brought into compliance with existing NMOCD Rules.

API WELL #	Well Name	Well #
30-015-02446-00-00	SALADAR UNIT	004
30-015-02448-00-00	SALADAR UNIT	006
30-015-02449-00-00	SALADAR UNIT	008
30-015-02450-00-00	SALADAR UNIT	002
30-015-10468-00-00	SALADAR UNIT	007
30-015-24179-00-00	SALADAR UNIT	012

Failure to reinstate the injection authority on these wells may result in further enforcement action under the provisions of NMOCD Rule 19.15.1.40.

Thank You,



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Cc: Bureau of Land Management