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Response Required - Deadline Enclosed

12-May-09

XOG OPERATING LLC 1801 W TEXAS MIDLAND TX 79701 LOV NO. 02=09-022

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

CATCLAW 18 No.001

P-18-21S-26E

30-015-34574-00-00

Inspection

Type Inspection

Inspector

*Significant
Violation? Non-Compliance?

Corrective
Action Due By:

Inspection No.

Date 05/04/2009

Routine/Periodic

Ron Harvey

Yes

No

6/4/2009

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Comments on Inspection:

Idle well. Well was spudded on 4-9-06. No production equipment on location. Violation of NMAC 19.15.25.8. Operator must return well to beneficial use, T/A or submit P/A procedure to OCD District II Office for approval no later than 6-4-2009. Open drilling pit on north side of location. Pit fence and liner are ok. Pit is full of Chloride contaminated solids. Violation of NMAC 19.15.17.13. Operator must submit C-144 for pit closure approval to OCD District II

Office no later than 6-4-2009. Photos taken.

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,

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