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ARTESIA, NM 88210-0000

NOTICE 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.

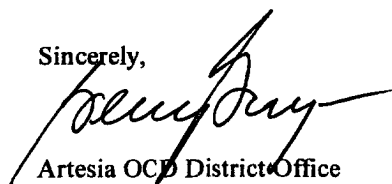
INSPECTION DETAIL SECTION

RITA TZ FEDERAL 001		4-4-8S-26E		30-005-61564-00-00			
Inspection				*Significant	Corrective		
Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	Non-Compliance?	Action Due By:	Inspection No.	
01/30/2004	Routine/Periodic	Gerry Guye	Yes	No	3/1/2004	iGEG0403043287	
Comments on Inspection:		No Well Sign (Rule 103)					

SALEM COM		004		H-4-8S-26E		30-005-63559-00-00	
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01/30/2004	Routine/Periodic	Gerry Guye	Yes	No	3/1/2004	iGEG0403046576	
Comments on Inspection:		BS&W bubbling up in cellar (Possible casing leak)(Rule 116)					

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 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

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.