



# New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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**LINN OPERATING, INC.**  
600 TRAVIS SUITE 5100  
HOUSTON TX 77002

**LOV NO. 02-09-182**

Mailed: 1/6/2011 *DS*

## 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

#### H E WEST A No.019

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| <b>Inspection</b>              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | P-4-17S-31E      | 30-015-26790-00-00 |
| <b>Date</b>                    | <b>Type Inspection</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Inspector</b> | <b>Violation?</b>  |
| 01/05/2011                     | Routine/Periodic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Kimberly Wilson  | Yes                |
| <b>Comments on Inspection:</b> | Fresh contamination around wellhead with oil pooled on ground, due to stuffing box leak. Violation of NMAC 19.15.2.8 & NMAC 19.15.29. Operator must submit C-141 of OCD District II office no later than January 19, 2011. Remediation plan may be required. Photos |                  |                    |

#### J L KEEL A No.020

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| <b>Inspection</b>              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | B-7-17S-31E      | 30-015-28059-00-00 |
| <b>Date</b>                    | <b>Type Inspection</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Inspector</b> | <b>Violation?</b>  |
| 01/05/2011                     | Routine/Periodic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Kimberly Wilson  | Yes                |
| <b>Comments on Inspection:</b> | Fresh contamination around wellhead with chlorides on ground, due to stuffing box leak. Violation of NMAC 19.15.2.8 & NMAC 19.15.29. Operator must submit C-141 of OCD District II office no later than January 19, 2011. Remediation plan may be required. Photos |                  |                    |

#### J L KEEL B No.080

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| <b>Inspection</b>              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | D-5-17S-31E      | 30-015-28253-00-00 |
| <b>Date</b>                    | <b>Type Inspection</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>Inspector</b> | <b>Violation?</b>  |
| 01/05/2011                     | Routine/Periodic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Kimberly Wilson  | Yes                |
| <b>Comments on Inspection:</b> | Fresh contamination around wellhead with oil pooled on ground, due to stuffing box leak. Violation of NMAC 19.15.2.8 & NMAC 19.15.29. Operator must submit C-141 of OCD District II office no later than January 19, 2011. Remediation plan may be required. Photos |                  |                    |

### Oil Conservation Division

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J L KEEL B No.061

H-6-17S-31E

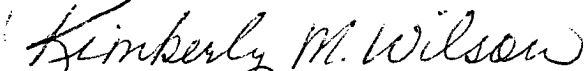
30-015-28292-00-00

| Inspection<br>Date | Type Inspection  | Inspector       | Violation? | *Significant<br>Non-Compliance? | Corrective<br>Action Due By: | Inspection No. |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| 01/05/2011         | Routine/Periodic | Kimberly Wilson | Yes        | No                              | 1/19/2011                    | iKMW110053391  |

Comments on Inspection: Fresh contamination around wellhead due to stuffing box leak. Violation of NMAC 19.15.2.8 & NMAC 19.15.29. Operator must submit C-141 to OCD District II office no later than January 19, 2011. Remediation plan may be required. 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 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.