

State of New Mexico  
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**\*Response Required – Deadline Enclosed\***  
**Underground Injection Control Program**  
*"Protecting Our Underground Sources of Drinking Water"*

05-Apr-12

**APACHE CORP**  
303 VETERANS AIRPARK LANE SUITE 3000  
MIDLAND TX 79705-

**LETTER OF VIOLATION and SHUT-IN DIRECTIVE**  
**Failed Mechanical Integrity Test**

Dear Operator:

The following test(s) were performed on the listed dates on the following well(s) shown below in the test detail section.

The test(s) indicates that the well or wells failed to meet mechanical integrity standards of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division. To comply with guidelines established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the well(s) must be shut-in immediately until it is successfully repaired. The test detail section which follows indicates preliminary findings and/or probable causes of the failure. This determination is based on a test of your well or facility by an inspector employed by the Oil Conservation Division. Additional testing during the repair operation may be necessary to properly identify the nature of the well failure.

Please notify the proper district office of the Division at least 48 hours prior to the date and time that the well(s) will be retested so the test may be witnessed by a field representative.

**MECHANICAL INTEGRITY TEST DETAIL SECTION**

**EAST BLINEBRY DRINKARD UNIT No.003**

**30-025-06325-00-00**

Active Injection - (All Types)

M-1-21S-37E

Test Date:	2/1/2012	Permitted Injection PSI:		Actual PSI:	
Test Reason:	Annual IMIT	Test Result:	F	Repair Due:	7/7/2012
Test Type:	Bradenhead Test	FAIL TYPE:	Other Internal Failure	FAIL CAUSE:	
Comments on MIT:	COMMUNICATION BETWEEN TUBING AND CASING: 1150 ON TUBING, 1150# ON CASING; FAILED BHT ***OPERATOR IN VIOLATION OF NMOC Rule 19.15.26.11***				

**NORTHEAST DRINKARD UNIT No.102**

**30-025-06400-00-00**

Active Injection - (All Types)

H-4-21S-37E

Test Date:	2/2/2012	Permitted Injection PSI:		Actual PSI:	
Test Reason:	5-year Test	Test Result:	F	Repair Due:	7/7/2012
Test Type:	Std. Annulus Pres. Test	FAIL TYPE:	Other Internal Failure	FAIL CAUSE:	
Comments on MIT:	***FAILED PRESSURE TEST; OIL ON SURFACE CASING WHILE ATTEMPTING TO PRESSURE TEST***OPERATOR IN VIOLATION OF NMOC Rule 19.15.26.11***				

**APR 05 2012**

**EAST BLINEBRY DRINKARD UNIT No.034**

**30-025-06544-00-00**  
G-12-21S-37E

Active Injection - (All Types)

Test Date: 2/1/2012 Permitted Injection PSI: Actual PSI:  
Test Reason: 5-year Test Test Result: F Repair Due: 7/6/2012  
Test Type: Std. Annulus Pres. Test FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure FAIL CAUSE:  
Comments on MIT: POSSIBLE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN TUBING AND CASING 1000# ON CASING AND 1300# ON TUBING; FAILED PRESSURE TEST \*\*\*OPERATOR IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE 19.15.26.11\*\*\*

**NORTHEAST DRINKARD UNIT No.909**

**30-025-06747-00-00**  
I-22-21S-37E

Active Injection - (All Types)

Test Date: 2/2/2012 Permitted Injection PSI: Actual PSI:  
Test Reason: Annual IMIT Test Result: F Repair Due: 7/7/2012  
Test Type: Bradenhead Test FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure FAIL CAUSE:  
Comments on MIT: COMMUNICATION BETWEEN TUBING AND CASING; FAILED BHT \*\*\*OPERATOR IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE 19.15.26.11\*\*\*\*

**SOUTH EUNICE SEVEN RIVERS QUEEN UNIT No.421**

**30-025-09022-00-00**  
E-25-22S-36E

Active Injection - (All Types)

Test Date: 1/31/2012 Permitted Injection PSI: Actual PSI:  
Test Reason: 5-year Test Test Result: F Repair Due: 7/5/2012  
Test Type: Std. Annulus Pres. Test FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure FAIL CAUSE:  
Comments on MIT: \*\*\*FAILED PT; WOULD NOT HOLD PRESSURE DURING TEST; \*\*\*OPERATOR IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD 19.15.26.11\*\*\*

**SOUTH EUNICE SEVEN RIVERS QUEEN UNIT No.409**

**30-025-09172-00-00**  
L-36-22S-36E

Active Injection - (All Types)

Test Date: 1/31/2012 Permitted Injection PSI: Actual PSI:  
Test Reason: 5-year Test Test Result: F Repair Due: 7/5/2012  
Test Type: Std. Annulus Pres. Test FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure FAIL CAUSE:  
Comments on MIT: \*\*\*\*FAILED PT; \*\*\*\*OPERATOR IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE 19.15.26.11\*\*\*\*

**NORTHEAST DRINKARD UNIT No.703**

**30-025-09918-00-00**  
K-15-21S-37E

Active Injection - (All Types)

Test Date: 2/2/2012 Permitted Injection PSI: Actual PSI:  
Test Reason: 5-year Test Test Result: F Repair Due: 7/7/2012  
Test Type: Std. Annulus Pres. Test FAIL TYPE: Other External Failure FAIL CAUSE:  
Comments on MIT: \*\*\*FAILED PRESSURE TEST\*\*\*; FLUID ON SURFACE CASING WHILE PERFORMING PRESSURE TEST \*\*\*OPERATOR IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE 19.15.26.11\*\*\*

**MCDONALD STATE AC 1 No.036**


**30-025-31162-00-00**  
J-16-22S-36E

Active Injection - (All Types)

Test Date: 2/8/2012 Permitted Injection PSI: Actual PSI:  
Test Reason: Annual IMIT Test Result: F Repair Due: 7/13/2012  
Test Type: Std. Annulus Pres. Test FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure FAIL CAUSE:  
Comments on MIT: WOULD NOT HOLD PRESSURE\*\*\*FAILED PT\*\*\* OPERATOR IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE 19.15.26.11\*\*\*\*

In the event that a satisfactory response is not received to this letter of direction by the "Repair Due:" date shown above, or if the well(s) are not immediately shut-in, 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.

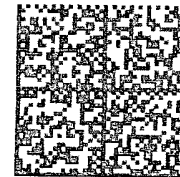
Sincerely,



Hobbs OCD District Office  
**COMPLIANCE OFFICER**

Note: Pressure Tests are performed prior to initial injection, after repairs and otherwise, every 5 years; Bradenhead Tests are performed annually. Information in Detail Section comes directly from field inspector data entries - not all blanks will contain data. "Failure Type" and "Failure Cause" and any Comments are not to be interpreted as a diagnosis of the condition of the wellbore. Additional testing should be conducted by the operator to accurately determine the nature of the actual failure. \* Significant Non-Compliance events are reported directly to the EPA, Region VI, Dallas, Texas.

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OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION  
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HOBBS NM 88240



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