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FORMAL NOTICE OPERATOR REQUIRED TO SHUT IN INJECTION WELL

Re: Liquid Resource Services, LLC, OGRID 243571

Hobbs State #3, 30-025-23621 Administrative Order SWD-121

Dear Operator:

This letter provides formal notice to Liquid Resource Services LLC that it must shut in the Hobbs State #3 well until it can demonstrate that the well confines injected fluids to the authorized injection zone or zones. By copy of this letter, I am notifying the Hobbs District Office that the well must be shut in. Hobbs District Office inspectors will be checking the well to determine if it is in compliance with this notice.

19.15.26.10(E) NMAC authorizes the OCD to shut in injection wells that have exhibited failure to confine injected fluids to the authorized injection zone or zones until the operator has identified and corrected the failure. Liquid Resource Services, LLC (Liquid Resource), the operator of record of the Hobbs State #3, filed a report with the Oil Conservation Division (OCD) indicating that "bad pipe" exists in the well below 4150.' Administrative Order SWD-121 permits the well for disposal into the San Andres from 5144' to 5170.' If "bad pipe" exists below 4150' the well is disposing of water out of the permitted depth range, in violation of Administrative Order SWD-121 and 19.15.26 NMAC.

By letter dated September 9, 2009, the OCD required Liquid Resource to run an e-log from total depth to surface to demonstrate that the well was not injecting out of zone, apply for and obtain an injection permit allowing injection from 4136' to 5170,' or cease injection. A copy of that letter is enclosed. Liquid Resource did not challenge the



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OCD's assertion that the well was disposing of water outside the permitted depth range. Instead it chose to apply for an injection permit with a revised injection zone. Oxy USA, Inc. protested the application. Liquid Resource has not pursued its application by filing a request for hearing.

Pursuant to 19.15.26.10(E) NMAC the OCD notifies Liquid Resource that it must shut in the Hobbs State #3 until it demonstrates that the well is confining injected fluids to the authorized zone.

Sincerely,

J. Daniel Sanchez

Underground Injection Control Director for the State of New Mexico

EC: Larry "Buddy" Hill, Hobbs District Office

Sylvia Dickey, Hobbs District Office

William Jones, OCD Engineer

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