



# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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**VINTAGE DRILLING LLC**  
R 310 S HALDEMAN RD  
ARTESIA NM 88210

## 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

ROBINSON JACKSON UNIT No.014			P-27-17S-29E	30-015-03150-00-00		
Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection No.
09/15/2005	Routine/Periodic	Chris Beadle	Yes	No	10/17/2005	iCLB0525844788
<b>Violations</b>						
Absent Well Identification Signs (Rule 103)						
Surface Damage/Restoration						
Surface Leaks/Spills						

**Comments on Inspection:** Flow line from this well appears to connect into a gathering pipeline at road entrance to well location. This pipeline has had a leak and been repaired. Contamination from this leak has flowed to the south along road and into two areas of pasture. Remediation required.

Contact NMOCD District 2 Environmental Compliance Officer with site ranking and remediation work plan.

Notify NMOCD District 2 Office 48 hours prior to any remediation work or taking samples where results that may be submitted to OCD.

Well sign is not legible. Contact NMOCD District 2 Office when well sign is corrected.

**ROBINSON JACKSON UNIT No.023**

C-35-17S-29E

30-015-03784-00-00

Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection No.
09/15/2005	Routine/Periodic	Chris Beadle	Yes	No	10/17/2005	iCLB0525841139
<b>Violations</b>						
Surface Damage/Restoration						

**Comments on Inspection:** Extensive wellhead contamination has run off site to the north. Remediation required.

Contact NMOCD District 2 Environmental Compliance Officer with site ranking and remediation work plan.

Notify NMOCD District 2 Office 48 hours prior to any remediation work or taking samples where results that may be submitted to OCD.

**ROBINSON JACKSON UNIT No.005**

B-35-17S-29E

30-015-03786-00-00

Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection No.
09/15/2005	Routine/Periodic	Chris Beadle	Yes	No	10/17/2005	iCLB0525841028
<b>Violations</b>						
Surface Damage/Restoration						
Surface Leaks/Spills						

**Comments on Inspection:** Flowline at crossroads to the south of this well has leaked, run down the road (north) and into natural depressions on both sides of the road, heavily impacting pasture in these areas. Remediation required.

Contact NMOCD District 2 Environmental Compliance Officer with site ranking and remediation work plan.

Notify NMOCD District 2 Office 48 hours prior to any remediation work or taking samples where results that may be submitted to OCD.

**WESTALL B STATE No.006**

E-36-17S-29E

30-015-03793-00-00

Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection No.
09/15/2005	Routine/Periodic	Chris Beadle	Yes	No	10/17/2005	iCLB0525839924
<b>Violations</b>						
Surface Damage/Restoration						

**Comments on Inspection:** Tank battery, southeast of well, has flowline repair at road entrance to location, pooled hydrocarbons on heavily saturated soils. Tank battery has lighter contamination across location. Wellhead area heavily contaminated, runoff into soils on location. Remediation required.

Contact NMOCD District 2 Environmental Compliance Officer with site ranking and remediation work plan.

Notify NMOCD District 2 Office 48 hours prior to any remediation work or taking samples where results that may be submitted to OCD.

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.