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Response Required - Deadline Enclosed

Underground Injection Control Program "Protecting Our Underground Sources of Drinking Water"

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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, <u>the well(s) must be shut-in immediately</u> 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 AIKMAN SWD STATE No.001 30-015-21045-00-00 Active Salt Water Disposal Well N-27-19S-25E **Test Date: Actual PSI:** 10/8/2014 **Permitted Injection PSI:** Test Reason: Test Result: Annual IMIT **Repair Due:** 1/11/2015 F **Test Type:** FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure Bradenhead Test FAIL CAUSE: **Comments on MIT:** Operator reports hole in tubing. Well already shut-in and work begun on repairs. **HOLSTUN SWD No.001** 30-015-21141-00-00 B-4-20S-25E Active Salt Water Disposal Well **Test Date:** Permitted Injection PSI: Actual PSI: 10/8/2014 0 Test Reason: 5-year Test **Test Result: Repair Due:** 1/11/2015 F FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure **Test Type:** Std. Annulus Pres. Test FAIL CAUSE: Tubing on a vacuum, but casing pressures up to 150psi on it's own. Tried to test twice and pressure Comments on MIT: immediately dropped. Did not shut well in right away since it appears fluid is going where it belongs, but operator to begin repairs on casing ASAP.

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.

Sincerely,

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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.