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**\*Response Required - Deadline Enclosed\***

*Field Inspection Program*  
*"Preserving the Integrity of Our Environment"*

05-Aug-16

LINN OPERATING, INC.  
600 TRAVIS STREET SUITE 4900  
HOUSTON TX 77002-7002

**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**

NORTH BENSON QUEEN UNIT		No.032	C-32-18S-30E	30-015-10535-00-00		
Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection No.
08/05/2016	Routine/Periodic	Tony Morales	Yes	No	11/8/2016	iTM1621848296
		Violations				
		General Housekeeping (Rule 114)				
Comments on Inspection:		Idle Well (Rule 201) SHUT IN?		OK. All Equipment and Location in		
		Good Shape. PJ. OLD PJ ON LOCATION.				

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.

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.