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Field Inspection Program "Preserving the Integrity of Our Environment"

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YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION 105 S 4TH ST

ARTESIA NM 88210

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

SHORT RM FEDERAL No.001

11/02/2016 Routine/Periodic

Inspection Date

Type Inspection

Inspector

Violation?

-25-7S-25E *Significant Non-Compliance? 30-005-61620-00-00 Corrective Action Due By:

Inspection No.

Gilbert Cordero

Yes

2/5/2017

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Comments on Inspection:

FIRE HAZARD RULE 19.15.10.8. NEEDS TO CLEARED BACK TO AT LEAST 150' FROM

WELL AND TANKS.

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 Divison Examiner in Santa Fe to show cause why you should not be ordered to permanently plug and abandon this well.

Sincerely

Gilbert Cordero
Compliance Officer

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.