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LOV NO. 2-08-166

**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, the well(s) must be shut-in immediately 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***

**OLD INDIAN DRAW UNIT No.002**

**30-015-21391-00-00**

Active Injection - (All Types)

O-18-22S-28E

Test Date: 10/29/2008

Permitted Injection PSI: 800

Actual PSI: 870

Test Reason: Annual IMIT

Test Result: F

Repair Due: 2/1/2009

Test Type: Bradenhead Test

FAIL TYPE: Permit Violation

FAIL CAUSE:

Comments on MIT: Injection pressure over limit

**OLD INDIAN DRAW UNIT No.004**

**30-015-21505-00-00**

Active Injection - (All Types)

I-18-22S-28E

Test Date: 10/29/2008

Permitted Injection PSI: 800

Actual PSI: 880

Test Reason: Annual IMIT

Test Result: F

Repair Due: 2/1/2009

Test Type: Bradenhead Test

FAIL TYPE: Permit Violation

FAIL CAUSE:

Comments on MIT: Injection pressure over limit

**OLD INDIAN DRAW UNIT No.010**

**30-015-21843-00-00**

Active Injection - (All Types)

C-18-22S-28E

Test Date: 10/29/2008

Permitted Injection PSI: 800

Actual PSI: 870

Test Reason: Annual IMIT

Test Result: F

Repair Due: 2/1/2009

Test Type: Bradenhead Test

FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure

FAIL CAUSE:

Comments on MIT: Fluid coming from casing. Guage shows 1000 psi on casing. Injection pressure over limit

**OLD INDIAN DRAW UNIT No.011****30-015-21844-00-00**

Active Injection - (All Types)

A-19-22S-28E

Test Date:	10/29/2008	Permitted Injection PSI: <b>800</b>	Actual PSI:	880	
Test Reason:	Annual IMIT	Test Result:	F	Repair Due:	2/1/2009
Test Type:	Bradenhead Test	FAIL TYPE:	Permit Violation	FAIL CAUSE:	
Comments on MIT:	Injection pressure over limit				

**OLD INDIAN DRAW UNIT No.016****30-015-21959-00-00**

Active Injection - (All Types)

M-7-22S-28E

Test Date:	10/29/2008	Permitted Injection PSI: <b>800</b>	Actual PSI:	870	
Test Reason:	Annual IMIT	Test Result:	F	Repair Due:	2/1/2009
Test Type:	Bradenhead Test	FAIL TYPE:	Permit Violation	FAIL CAUSE:	
Comments on MIT:	Injection pressure over limit				

**OLD INDIAN DRAW UNIT No.021****30-015-22101-00-00**

Active Injection - (All Types)

O-7-22S-28E

Test Date:	10/29/2008	Permitted Injection PSI: <b>800</b>	Actual PSI:	1100	
Test Reason:	Annual IMIT	Test Result:	F	Repair Due:	2/1/2009
Test Type:	Bradenhead Test	FAIL TYPE:	Permit Violation	FAIL CAUSE:	
Comments on MIT:	Pressure over the guage max of 1000. Pressure at 1100+. Injection pressure over limit				

**CULEBRA BLUFF SWD No.001****30-015-22754-00-00**

Active Salt Water Disposal Well

E-2-23S-28E

Test Date:	10/29/2008	Permitted Injection PSI: <b>860</b>	Actual PSI:	950	
Test Reason:	Annual IMIT	Test Result:	F	Repair Due:	2/1/2009
Test Type:	Bradenhead Test	FAIL TYPE:	Permit Violation	FAIL CAUSE:	
Comments on MIT:	Guage needle bouncing between 900 and 1000. Injection pressure over limit				

**GOVERNMENT D No.010****30-015-25346-00-00**

Active Salt Water Disposal Well

A-12-21S-27E

Test Date:	10/29/2008	Permitted Injection PSI: <b>581</b>	Actual PSI:	645	
Test Reason:	Annual IMIT	Test Result:	F	Repair Due:	2/1/2009
Test Type:	Bradenhead Test	FAIL TYPE:	Permit Violation	FAIL CAUSE:	
Comments on MIT:	Injection pressure over limit				

**EAST LOVING SWD No.001****30-015-26764-00-00**

Active Salt Water Disposal Well

A-15-23S-28E

Test Date:	10/29/2008	Permitted Injection PSI:	Actual PSI:	900	
Test Reason:	Annual IMIT	Test Result:	F	Repair Due:	2/1/2009
Test Type:	Bradenhead Test	FAIL TYPE:	Other Internal Failure	FAIL CAUSE:	
Comments on MIT:	Blow from casing valve. Did not blow down while we were watching it. Also unable to open bradenhead valve.				

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. Such a hearing may result in imposition of CIVIL PENALTIES for your violation of OCD rules.

Sincerely,

*Richard Inge*

Artesia OCD District Office

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