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# \*Response Required - Deadline Enclosed\*

Field Inspection Program

"Preserving the Integrity of Our Environment"

09-Apr-09

LOV NO. 02-09-010

### MARKS AND GARNER PRODUCTION LTD CO

P.O. BOX 1089

**HOBBS NM 88241** 

**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

**CAVE STATE No.004** 

F-4-17S-29E

30-015-24742-00-00

Inspection Date

Type Inspection

Inspector
Ron Harvey

\*Significant
Violation? Non-Compliance?

Corrective
Action Due By:

Inspection No.

04/09/2009

Routine/Periodic

Yes

No

4/24/2009

iREH0909935673

Comments on Inspection:

Contaminated soil built up around wellhead, fresh hydrocarbon contamination on wellhead and top of contaminated soil. Violation of NMAC 19.15.2.8. Operator must submit C-141 to OCD District II officer no later than 4/24/2009. Remediation plan may be required. Well sign not in compliance with NMAC 19.15.16.8. Well is listed as active oil producer and pump jack is operational and flow valve is open. However, no oil production has been reported since before 5/1/2004. Photos taken.

**CAVE STATE No.003** 

E-4-17S-29E

30-015-24743-00-00

Inspection Date

Type Inspection

Inspector

Violation?

\*Significant Non-Compliance? Corrective Action Due By:

Inspection No.

04/09/2009

Routine/Periodic

Ron Harvey

Yes

No

5/9/2009

iREH0909937968

Comments on Inspection:

Well looks abandoned. Pump jack has been removed and power turned off. Well is shut in and rods are hanging. No signs of any recent activity. Violation of NMAC 19.15.25.8. Operator must return well to beneficial use, properly T/A or submit P/A procedure to OCD District II office for approval no later than 5/9/2009. No well sign on or near location, violation of NMAC 19.15.16.8. Photos taken.

Oil Conservation Division \* 1301 W. Grand \* Artesía, New Mexico 88210 Phone: 505-748-1283 \* Fax: 505-748-9720 \* http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us

#### **DIAMOND STATE No.001**

Inspection Type Inspection Date

Routine/Periodic

Violation?

30-015-24759-00-00

Inspector

Ron Harvey

Yes

Yes

\*Significant Non-Compliance? No

O-4-17S-29E

Corrective Action Due By: 5/9/2009

Inspection No. iREH0909941958

**Comments on Inspection:** 

Well is abandoned. No power. Flowline disconnected. No access road into location and no signs of any recent activity. Violation of NMAC 19.15.25.8. Operator must return well to beneficial use, properly T/A or submit P/A procedure for approval to OCD District II office no later than 5/9/2009. Well sign not in compliance with NMAC 19.15.16.8. Photos taken.

**RED TWELVE STATE No.002** 

H-4-17S-29E

No

30-015-24966-00-00

5/9/2009

Inspection Date

04/09/2009

04/09/2009

Type Inspection Routine/Periodic Inspector Ron Harvey

\*Significant Violation? Non-Compliance?

Corrective Action Due By:

Inspection No. iREH0909934183

Comments on Inspection:

Fresh release in tank battery area. Violation of NMAC 19.15.2.8. Operator must submit C-141 to OCD District II office no later than 5/9/2009. Remediation plan may be required. Well is idle, last reported production 9/1/2007. Violation of NMAC 19.15.25.8. Operator must return well to beneficial use, T/A or submit P/A procedure to OCD District II office for approval no later than 5/9/2009. No well sign on or near location, violation of NMAC 19,15,16.8. Operator must install well sign in compliance with OCD directives and notify District II office by letter when sign is

installed. Misc junk on location needs to be removed. Photos taken.

**RED TWELVE STATE No.003** 

I-5-17S-29E

30-015-24989-00-00

Inspection Date

Type Inspection

Inspector

Violation?

\*Significant Non-Compliance?

Corrective Action Due By:

Inspection No.

04/09/2009

Routine/Periodic

Ron Harvey

Yes

No

4/24/2009

iREH0909939400

**Comments on Inspection:** 

Fresh hydrocarbon release in tank battery area. Violation of NMAC 19.15.29. Operator must submit C-141 to OCD District II office no later than 4/24/2009. Remediation plan may be required. Well sign not in compliance with NMAC 19.15.16.8. Pump jack operating. Photos taken.

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. 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.