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LVYNO. 02-09-183

LINN OPERATING, INC.
600 TRAVIS SUITE 5100
HOUSTON TX 77002

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

J L KEEL B No.003

Inspection				N-8-17S-31E	30-015-05104-00-00
Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By: Inspection No.
01/06/2011	Routine/Periodic	Kimberly Wilson	Yes	No	1/20/2011 iKMW110063248

Comments on Inspection: Operator name changed on well sign needs to be changed, violation of NMAC 19.15.16.8. Operator must submit C-103 stating date change has been made to OCD District II office no later than January 20, 2011.

H E WEST B No.030

Inspection				K-9-17S-31E	30-015-10705-00-00
Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By: Inspection No.
01/06/2011	Routine/Periodic	Kimberly Wilson	Yes	No	1/20/2011 iKMW110063932

Comments on Inspection: No well sign, violation of NMAC 19.15.16.8. Operator must submit C-103 stating date installed to OCD District II office no later than January 20, 2011.

H E WEST B No.051

Inspection				G-10-17S-31E	30-015-27110-00-00
Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By: Inspection No.
11/06/2011	Routine/Periodic	Kimberly Wilson	Yes	No	1/20/2011 iKMW110064544

Comments on Inspection: No visible well sign, violation of NMAC 19.15.16.8. Operator must submit C-103 with the dates sign was installed no later than January 20, 2011.



H E WEST B No.056

N-3-17S-31E

30-015-27353-00-00

Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection No.
01/06/2011	Routine/Periodic	Kimberly Wilson	Yes	No	1/20/2011	iKMW1100642188

Comments on Inspection: Fresh contamination around wellhead with oil pooled on ground, due to stuffing box leak. Violation of NMAC 19.15.2.8 & NMAC 19.15.29. Operator must submit C-141 of OCD District II office no later than January 19, 2011. Remediation plan may be required. Photos taken
Fresh contamination around wellhead with oil pooled on ground, due to stuffing box leak. Violation of NMAC 19.15.2.8 & NMAC 19.15.29. Operator must submit C-141 of OCD District II office no later than January 20, 2011. Remediation plan may be required. Photos taken

H E WEST B No.072

P-9-17S-31E

30-015-28131-00-00

Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection No.
01/06/2011	Routine/Periodic	Kimberly Wilson	Yes	No	4/11/2011	iKMW1100640215

Comments on Inspection: Idle well, 190 with no production. Violation of NMAC 19.15.25.8 Operator must return well to beneficial use, TA or submit P/A procedure to OCD District II office no later than March 11, 2011.

H E WEST B No.089

L-9-17S-31E

30-015-28565-00-00

Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection No.
01/06/2011	Routine/Periodic	Kimberly Wilson	Yes	No	1/20/2011	iKMW1100636674

Comments on Inspection: Fresh contamination around wellhead with oil pooled on ground, due to stuffing box leak. Violation of NMAC 19.15.2.8 & NMAC 19.15.29. Operator must submit C-141 of OCD District II office no later than January 19, 2011. Remediation plan may be required. Photos taken.

H E WEST B No.071

I-9-17S-31E

30-015-28573-00-00

Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection No.
01/06/2011	Routine/Periodic	Kimberly Wilson	Yes	No	1/20/2011	iKMW1100647699

Comments on Inspection: Fresh contamination around wellhead with oil pooled on ground running west across location. Violation of NMAC 19.15.2.8 & NMAC 19.15.29. Operator must submit C-141 of OCD District II office no later than January 20, 2011. Remediation plan may be required. 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 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,



Kimberly M. Wilson
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.