



NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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Response Required – Deadline Enclosed
Field Inspection Program
"Preserving the Integrity of Our Environment"

27-Mar-08

APACHE CORP
6120 S YALE SUITE 1500
TULSA OK 74136-4224

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

ARNOLD A No.001				F-11-20S-38E	30-025-07761-00-00		
Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection No.	
03/26/2008	Routine/Periodic	Mark Whitaker	Yes	No	5/30/2008	iMAW0808653189	
Violations							
Absent Well Identification Signs (Rule 103)							
Comments on Inspection:		Location needs attention. Equipment OK. Soil stockpiled on plastic on west side of location. Old battery being removed. Well sign not legible. NEED TO REPLACE WELL SIGN (SEE RULE 103). 1st letter of non-compliance. MW					
BLANKENSHIP BCD No.001				E-12-20S-38E	30-025-07766-00-00		
Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection No.	
03/26/2008	Routine/Periodic	Mark Whitaker	Yes	No	5/30/2008	iMAW0808654120	
Violations							
Absent Well Identification Signs (Rule 103)							
Comments on Inspection:		Well sign not legible. NEED TO REPLACE WELL SIGN (SEE RULE 103). 1st letter of non-compliance. MW					

HESTER 12 No.006

N-12-20S-38E 30-025-36795-00-00

Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection No.
03/26/2008	Routine/Periodic	Mark Whitaker	Yes	No	5/30/2008	iMAW0808655623

Violations

Absent Well Identification Signs (Rule 103)

Comments on Inspection: Equipment OK. Location needs work. Soil on plastic piled up on south side of location. Wrong footage on well sign. Shows 330' FSL and should read 467' FSL. NEED TO CORRECT WELL SIGN. ALSO 1st letter of non-compliance. MW

HESTER 12 No.005

P-12-20S-38E 30-025-38211-00-00

Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection No.
03/26/2008	Routine/Periodic	Mark Whitaker	Yes	No	5/30/2008	iMAW0808655232

Violations

Absent Well Identification Signs (Rule 103)

Comments on Inspection: Incorrect API # on well sign. NEED TO CORRECT WELL SIGN TO REFLECT THE CORRECT API NUMBER. 1st letter of non-compliance. MW

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,



COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Hobbs OCD District Office

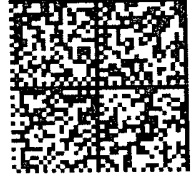
Note: Information in Detail Section comes directly from field inspector data entries - not all blanks will contain data.
*Significant Non-Compliance events are reported directly to the EPA, Region VI, Dallas, Texas.

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