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Response Required – Deadline Enclosed

Underground Injection Control Program

"Protecting Our Underground Sources of Drinking Water"

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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

EVA E BLINEBRY FEDERAL No.012		30-025-10941-00-00 J-34-23S-37E
Active Oil (Producing)		
Test Date: 5/19/2008	Permitted Injection PSI:	Actual PSI:
Test Reason: Annual IMIT	Test Result: F	Repair Due: 8/22/2008
Test Type: Bradenhead Test	FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure	FAIL CAUSE:
Comments on MIT: BHT FOR WATERFLOW CHECK		
E C HILL B No.002		30-025-22337-00-00 N-27-23S-37E
Active Oil (Producing)		
Test Date: 5/14/2008	Permitted Injection PSI:	Actual PSI:
Test Reason: Annual IMIT	Test Result: F	Repair Due: 8/17/2008
Test Type: Bradenhead Test	FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure	FAIL CAUSE:
Comments on MIT: CHECK W/TONY SUMMERS; SURFACE WATER FLOW CALLED IN LATER PART OF APRIL CHECK STATUS OF REPORT		

M K STEWART No.004

30-025-22500-00-00

Active Oil (Producing)

I-28-23S-37E

Test Date: 5/14/2008 **Permitted Injection PSI:** **Actual PSI:**
Test Reason: Annual IMIT **Test Result:** F **Repair Due:** 8/17/2008
Test Type: Bradenhead Test **FAIL TYPE:** Other Internal Failure **FAIL CAUSE:**
Comments on MIT: SURFACE HAD 290# ON FIRST TEST; 45 MINUTES THE BUILT UP TO 125# DID NOT ATTEMPT TO BLEED DOWN;

C E LAMUNYON No.057

30-025-33445-00-00

Active Oil (Producing)

E-27-23S-37E

Test Date: 5/14/2008 **Permitted Injection PSI:** **Actual PSI:**
Test Reason: Annual IMIT **Test Result:** F **Repair Due:** 8/17/2008
Test Type: Bradenhead Test **FAIL TYPE:** Other Internal Failure **FAIL CAUSE:**
Comments on MIT: PER OPERATOR IS SHUT IN DUE TO HOLE IN TUBING;

E C HILL B No.006

30-025-33448-00-00

Active Oil (Producing)

K-27-23S-37E

Test Date: 5/14/2008 **Permitted Injection PSI:** **Actual PSI:**
Test Reason: Annual IMIT **Test Result:** F **Repair Due:** 8/17/2008
Test Type: Bradenhead Test **FAIL TYPE:** Other External Failure **FAIL CAUSE:**
Comments on MIT: PARTED RODS: BHT FOR WATERFLOW CHECK

E C HILL B FEDERAL No.018

30-025-33493-00-00

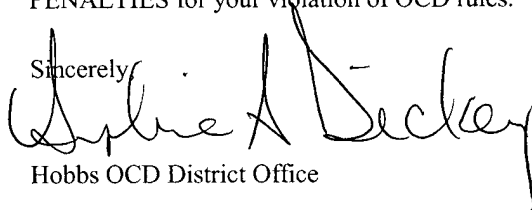
Active Oil (Producing)

G-34-23S-37E

Test Date: 5/19/2008 **Permitted Injection PSI:** **Actual PSI:**
Test Reason: Annual IMIT **Test Result:** F **Repair Due:** 8/22/2008
Test Type: Bradenhead Test **FAIL TYPE:** Other Internal Failure **FAIL CAUSE:**
Comments on MIT: LEAK ON SURFACE VISIBLE CRYSTALS ON SURFACE; VALVE DID NOT HOLD BLEW METHANOL ON CREW AND MYSELF; CHECKED W/STEVE BISHOP OKAY; BHT FOR WATERFLOW CHECK

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,



Stephen A. Beckley

Hobbs 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.