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Response Required - Deadline Enclosed

Underground Injection Control Program "Protecting Our Underground Sources of Drinking Water"

05-Oct-11

CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC.

PO Box 190

HOBBS NM 88241

30-015-21391

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.

Active Injection - (All Types)

MECHANICAL INTEGRITY TEST DETAIL SECTION

LD INDIAN DRAW UNIT No.002

30-015-21391-00-00 O-18-22S-28E

10/5/2011 Permitted Injection PSI:

Actual PSI:

5-year Test Test Result: Repair Due: 1/8/2012

Test Reason: Std. Annulus Pres. Test FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure Test Type: FAIL CAUSE:

Well will not hold pressure. Comments on MIT:

AST LOVING SWD No.001

Comments on MIT:

Test Date:

30-015-26764-00-00

Active Salt Water Disposal Well A-15-23S-28E

10/5/2011 Permitted Injection PSI: Test Date: 1300 **Actual PSI:** Test Reason: Annual IMIT Test Result: 1/8/2012 Repair Due:

Bradenhead Test FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure Test Type: **FAIL CAUSE:**

Casing had pressure. Once it blew down, fluid came out at a stready flow and did not stop. Shut valve

for 1 minute and pressure built back up.

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