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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

RUTTER No.003

H-22-16S-31E

30-015-24530-00-00

Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection No.
11/02/2005	Routine/Periodic	Chris Beadle	Yes	No	12/2/2005	iCLB0530647153
Violations						
Surface Leaks/Spills						

Comments on Inspection: Water tank on location has overflowed. Pooled fluids around base of tank and contamination runoff to the southeast. Remediation of this area is required.

Provide a site assessment that includes site ranking score, soil remediation action levels and planned remediation methods to clean up the contamination. You may use the "Guidelines For Remediation of Leaks, Spills, and Releases" as your guide. This document may be found on the NMOCD web site: www.emnrd.state.nm.us/ocd, under Publications> Environmental Handbook> Miscellaneous Guidelines> Remediation of Leaks, Spills and Releases.

Provide NMOCD District 2 Office with the requested information prior to November 18, 2005. Site remediation must be completed prior to December 2, 2005.

Notify NMOCD District 2 Office 48 hours prior to any remediation work or prior to taking samples where results of the samples may be submitted to the OCD.

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,



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.