## State of New Mexico <u>Energy</u>, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Susana Martinez Governor

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## \*Response Required - Deadline Enclosed\*

04-Aug-16

**BREITBURN OPERATING LP** 1401 MCKINNEY STREET SUITE 2400 HOUSTON TX 77010-

## LETTER OF VIOLATION - Inactive Well(s)

Dear Operator:

A review of our records and recent inspection(s) indicate that the subject well(s) has been shut-in for an extended period of time. Rule 201 of the Rules and Regulation of the Oil Conservation Division provides that a well may be shut-in no longer than sixty days after suspension of drilling operations, upon determining that ther well is no longer usable (e.g., a dry hole), or one year after last production. To comply with guidelines as established in the Rules and Regulations, corrective actions must be taken immediately and the well(s) brought into compliance.

The detail section below indicates preliminary findings and/or probable nature of the violation.

The following options are available:

1. Immediately restore the well(s) to production, injection or disposal as applicable.

2. Request Temporary Abandoned' status pursuant to Rule 203, which requires that you set a plug and conduct a mechanical integrity test.

3. Submit a proposal to 'Plug and Abandon' the well(s) pursuant to Rule 202, proceed with plugging procedures on a timely basis after the proposal has been evaluated, amended and/or approved.

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.

IDLE WELL INSPECTION DETAIL SECTION						
HY STATE 001		H-6-19S-29E		27749-00-00	Inspection No. iGC1621739161	
Inspection Date: 8/4/2016 10:52:38 AM		Corrective Action Due by: 11/7/2016				
Type Inspection		Inspector		Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	
Routine/Periodic		Gilbert Cordero		Yes	No	
Comments on Inspe	ction: Idle	Well (Rule 19.15.25.8	) LAST RE	PORTED PRODUC	TION 12-1-14	

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and your efforts in helping to protect our environment and the infrastructure of the oil and gas industry.

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Sincerely,

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**COMPLIANCE OFFICER** 

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\* Significant Non-Compliance events are reported directly to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region VI, Dallas, Texas.

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