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August 29, 2016

State of New Mexico  
Energy, Minerals & Natural Res Dept.  
Oil Conservation Division  
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ATTENTION: Tony Morales

REFERENCE: Letter of Violation dated 8/08/2016  
North Benson Queen Unit No. 003  
Eddy County, New Mexico

Linn Operating, Inc., is respectfully submitting a response to your Letter of Violation dated August 8, 2016 regarding the referenced well.

Linn has successfully completed corrective actions to resolve the violations during the week of August 22, 2016. Please see attached photos to substantiate these actions.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at [dgordon@linnenergy.com](mailto:dgordon@linnenergy.com) or 281.840.4010.

As always your assistance and consideration is greatly appreciated.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debra J. Gordon", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Debra J. Gordon  
Regulatory Manager

Cc/ Well Records  
Hobbs Field Operations

State of New Mexico  
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

Susana Martinez  
Governor

David Martin  
Cabinet Secretary

Tony Delfin  
Deputy Cabinet Secretary

David Catanach, Director  
Oil Conservation Division



**\*Response Required - Deadline Enclosed\***

*Field Inspection Program*  
*"Preserving the Integrity of Our Environment"*

08-Aug-16

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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**

NORTH BENSON QUEEN UNIT No.004				G-27-18S-30E	30-015-10283-00-00	
Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection No.
08/08/2016	Routine/Periodic Violations	Tony Morales	Yes	No	11/11/2016	ITM1622146224
General Housekeeping (Rule 114)						
Comments on Inspection: OK. All Equipment and Location in Good Shape. PJO. OLD PJ ON LOCATION						

NORTH BENSON QUEEN UNIT No.003				C-27-18S-30E	30-015-10586-00-00	
Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection No.
08/08/2016	Routine/Periodic Violations	Tony Morales	Yes	No	11/11/2016	ITM1622145577
General Housekeeping (Rule 114)						
Comments on Inspection: OK. All Equipment and Location in Good Shape. PJO. STAINING AROUND WELL HEAD.						

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.

Sincerely,

  
Artesia OCS 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.