

State of New Mexico  
Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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

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

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**YATES PETROLEUM CORPORATION**  
105 S 4TH ST  
ARTESIA NM 88210

**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***

<b>HILLTOP NQ STATE No.001</b>				C-7-7S-25E	<b>30-005-60700-00-00</b>		
Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection No.	
11/01/2016	Routine/Periodic	Gilbert Cordero	Yes	No	2/4/2017	iGC1630645086	
<b>Comments on Inspection:</b>		No Well Sign (Rule 19.15.16.8).					

<b>FEDERAL HY No.010</b>				K-28-7S-25E	<b>30-005-62089-00-00</b>		
Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection No.	
11/01/2016	Routine/Periodic	Gilbert Cordero	Yes	No	2/4/2017	iGC1630634277	
<b>Comments on Inspection:</b>		Defective Casing rule 19.15.16.11. SURFACE LEAK - STANDING FLUID. Need to fix leak and run MIT.					

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,

*Gilbert Cordero*  
Compliance Officer

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.