

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"*

13-Nov-17

**VANGUARD OPERATING, LLC**  
5847 San Felipe, Suite 3000  
Houston TX 77057-7057

**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>HADSON FEDERAL</b>		<b>No.001</b>	<b>O-11-19S-31E</b>		<b>30-015-26524-00-00</b>	
<b>Inspection Date</b>	<b>Type Inspection</b>	<b>Inspector</b>	<b>Violation?</b>	<b>*Significant Non-Compliance?</b>	<b>Corrective Action Due By:</b>	<b>Inspection No.</b>
11/13/2017	Routine/Periodic	Tony Morales	Yes	No	2/16/2018	iTM1731748504
<b>Violations</b>						
General Housekeeping (Rule 114)						
<b>Comments on Inspection:</b> OK. All Equipment and Location in Good Shape. STAINING AROUND LOCATION OLD TUBING / FIBER GLASS PIPE CHEMICAL TANK ON LOCATION TANK BATTERIES NO PLACARDS / WINDSOCK 19.15.10.8						
<b>YATES FEDERAL No.002</b>		<b>K-11-19S-31E</b>		<b>30-015-26648-00-00</b>		
<b>Inspection Date</b>	<b>Type Inspection</b>	<b>Inspector</b>	<b>Violation?</b>	<b>*Significant Non-Compliance?</b>	<b>Corrective Action Due By:</b>	<b>Inspection No.</b>
11/13/2017	Routine/Periodic	Tony Morales	Yes	No	2/16/2018	iTM1731748843
<b>Violations</b>						
Absent Well Identification Signs (Rule 103)						
General Housekeeping (Rule 114)						
<b>Comments on Inspection:</b> OK. All Equipment and Location in Good Shape. PJ STAINING AROUND WELL HEAD LOCATION SIGN NOT VISIBLE 19.15.10.8 / 19.15.16.8						

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 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.