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Response Required – Deadline Enclosed

Field Inspection Program

"Preserving the Integrity of Our Environment"

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SOUTHWESTERN INC

1304 W. BROADWAY PLC

HOBBS NM 88240

LOV NO. 02-08-060

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

HUMBLE STATE No.001

A-17-18S-28E

30-015-01900-00-00

Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection No.
04/02/2008	Routine/Periodic	Richard Inge	Yes	No	4/29/2008	iREI0809347032

Comments on Inspection: Several violations of rule 116 - Fresh oil pooled around wellhead, soil contamination around tank with damp oil soaked soil at south-east base of tank. It appears like the tank is leaking. Violation of rule 50 - Unregistered, unauthorized overflow pit on location. There is an overflow flow line from the tank to the pit. The pit is unlined, not netted and has stained soil in the pit.

Violation(s): Rule 19.15.1.13.B General operations/ Waste Prohibited and
Rule 19.15.3.116 Release Notification and Corrective Action

Please submit an initial report form C-141 by compliance due date.

Violation of Rule 50 - Please submit a C-144 pit closure plan by compliance due date. This report must contain a closure plan that includes the taking of soil samples to be witnessed by the OCD. The pit closure must occur within 30 days of the pit closure approval by 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.