

NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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Response Required - Deadline Enclosed

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15-May-08

CHESAPEAKE OPERATING, INC.

PO Box 190

HOBBS NM 88241

LOV NO. 02-08-093

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

Violation?

Yes

LANCASTER SPRING COM No.001

Inspector

Richard Inge

I-8-22S-26E *Significant 30-015-23437-00-00

Inspection Date T

05/15/2008

Type Inspection
Routine/Periodic

Non-Compliance?

Corrective
Action Due By:
5/30/2008

Inspection No. iREI0813643723

Comments on Inspection:

There is a pipe coming from the dump valve of the separator. A hose is connected to that pipe. The hose is currently releasing hydrocarbons onto the ground. There also appears to be an area

where a tank might have been where the gravel looks stained.

Violation of Rule 13- Please submit a C-141 release notification and cleanup plan by Corrective

Action Due by Date.

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 Divison 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,

Richard Mae
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