

New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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Response Required – Deadline Enclosed
Underground Injection Control Program
"Protecting Our Underground Sources of Drinking Water"

17-Jun-10

MELROSE OPERATING COMPANY
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20333 CHASEWOOD PARK
HOUSTON TX 77070

LOV NO. 02-09-152

LETTER OF VIOLATION and SHUT-IN DIRECTIVE Failed Mechanical Integrity Test

Dear Operator:

The following test(s) were performed on the listed dates on the following well(s) shown below in the test detail section.

The test(s) indicates that the well or wells failed to meet mechanical integrity standards of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division. To comply with guidelines established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the well(s) must be shut-in immediately until it is successfully repaired. The test detail section which follows indicates preliminary findings and/or probable causes of the failure. This determination is based on a test of your well or facility by an inspector employed by the Oil Conservation Division. Additional testing during the repair operation may be necessary to properly identify the nature of the well failure.

Please notify the proper district office of the Division at least 48 hours prior to the date and time that the well(s) will be retested so the test may be witnessed by a field representative.

MECHANICAL INTEGRITY TEST DETAIL SECTION

ARTESIA UNIT No.026

30-015-01708-00-00
O-34-17S-28E

Test Date: 6/14/2010	Active Injection - (All Types)	Permitted Injection PSI:	Actual PSI: 740
Test Reason: 5-year Test	Test Result: F	FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure	Repair Due: 9/17/2010
Test Type: Std. Annulus Pres. Test			FAIL CAUSE:
Comments on MIT: Well will not hold pressure			

ARTESIA UNIT No.014

30-015-01755-00-00
G-35-17S-28E

Test Date: 6/14/2010	Active Injection - (All Types)	Permitted Injection PSI:	Actual PSI: 650
Test Reason: 5-year Test	Test Result: F	FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure	Repair Due: 9/17/2010
Test Type: Std. Annulus Pres. Test			FAIL CAUSE:
Comments on MIT: Well will not pressure up. Stopped trying to pressure up after 20 bbls.			

DUNN B FEDERAL No.018

30-015-01825-00-00
C-11-18S-28E

Test Date: 6/14/2010	Active Injection - (All Types)	Permitted Injection PSI:	Actual PSI: 1400
Test Reason: 5-year Test	Test Result: F	FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure	Repair Due: 9/17/2010
Test Type: Std. Annulus Pres. Test			FAIL CAUSE:
Comments on MIT: Well started leaking outside the casing.			



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DUNN B FEDERAL No.006

30-015-01832-00-00

M-12-18S-28E

Test Date:	6/15/2010	Active Injection - (All Types)	Permitted Injection PSI:	Actual PSI:	1260
Test Reason:	5-year Test		Test Result:	Repair Due:	9/18/2010
Test Type:	Std. Annulus Pres. Test		FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure	FAIL CAUSE:	
Comments on MIT:	Well will not hold pressure				

DUNN B FEDERAL No.030

30-015-10293-00-00

K-11-18S-28E

Test Date:	6/15/2010	Active Injection - (All Types)	Permitted Injection PSI:	Actual PSI:	1500
Test Reason:	5-year Test		Test Result:	Repair Due:	9/18/2010
Test Type:	Std. Annulus Pres. Test		FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure	FAIL CAUSE:	
Comments on MIT:	Well will not hold pressure				

STATE 647 AC 721 No.207

30-015-10782-00-00

I-33-18S-28E

Test Date:	6/15/2010	Active Injection - (All Types)	Permitted Injection PSI:	Actual PSI:	700
Test Reason:	5-year Test		Test Result:	Repair Due:	9/18/2010
Test Type:	Std. Annulus Pres. Test		FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure	FAIL CAUSE:	
Comments on MIT:	Well will not hold pressure				

CONOCO 7 STATE No.006

30-015-23921-00-00

C-7-19S-29E

Test Date:	6/15/2010	Active Injection - (All Types)	Permitted Injection PSI:	Actual PSI:	300
Test Reason:	5-year Test		Test Result:	Repair Due:	9/18/2010
Test Type:	Std. Annulus Pres. Test		FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure	FAIL CAUSE:	
Comments on MIT:	Well will not hold pressure. Well started leaking outside of the casing.				

In the event that a satisfactory response is not received to this letter of direction by the "Repair Due:" date shown above, or if the well(s) are not immediately shut-in, 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,

Richard Inge

Artesia OCD District Office

Note: Pressure Tests are performed prior to initial injection, after repairs and otherwise, every 5 years; Bradenhead Tests are performed annually. Information in Detail Section comes directly from field inspector data entries - not all blanks will contain data. "Failure Type" and "Failure Cause" and any Comments are not to be interpreted as a diagnosis of the condition of the wellbore. Additional testing should be conducted by the operator to accurately determine the nature of the actual failure. * Significant Non-Compliance events are reported directly to the EPA, Region VI, Dallas, Texas.