

NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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STRATA PRODUCTION CO

PO BOX 1030

ROSWELL

NM 88202-1030

Dear Operator:

09/02/2004

NOTICE OF VIOLATION - SHUT IN

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

FORTY NINER RIDGE UNIT No.001

Inspection Date Type Inspection

Inspector Routine/Periodic Gerry Guye J-16-23S-30E

30-015-20899-00-0

*Significant

Corrective

Non-Compliance? Action Due By:

Inspection No 10/4/2004 iGEG04246352

No Comments on Inspection: This well has been injecting since 2003 in violation of NMOCD Rule 19.15.9.704. This well may

not be placed back in injection until its status has been approved by NMOCD - Artesia

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.

Deputy Field Inspector District II - Artesia