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## NOTICE 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

CULWIN QUEEN UNIT No.015				H-1-19S-30E	30-015-04586-00-00
Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By: Inspection No.
08/23/2004	Routine/Periodic	Mike Bratcher	Yes	No	9/23/2004 iMLB0423645179
Comments on Inspection: Well sign on this well is for Culwin Queen Unit #14 in 6-19s-30e. Well is in violation of Rule 103.					
CULWIN QUEEN UNIT No.006				L-31-18S-31E	30-015-05653-00-00
Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By: Inspection No.
08/23/2004	Routine/Periodic	Mike Bratcher	Yes	No	10/8/2004 iMLB0423647689
Comments on Inspection: Pumpjack is dismantled and incapable of operation. Flowline is disconnected. No visible signs of any recent activity or traffic at well site. Production has been reported as late as March 2004. Please provide information regarding production method for this well. Well sign is lying next to pumpjack and lists Atlantic Richfield as operator. Well sign is in violation of Rule 103.					

**CULWIN QUEEN UNIT No.020**

P-36-18S-30E

30-015-26964-00-00

Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection No.
08/23/2004	Routine/Periodic	Mike Bratcher	Yes	No	10/8/2004	iMLB0423642799

**Comments on Inspection:** Area in pasture West of this location has a flowline leak. Area affected is approx 50'x50'. Fluids have saturated area comprised mostly of sand and vegetation with produced fluids now pooled and standing. Flowline was patched with clamp, but is still leaking. Unlined pit on location contains visible layer of oil and has not been declared per Rule 50. Location appears to have had tank fire at some point. Burnt and collapsed tanks are still on location and several piles of contaminated soils are stockpiled on location. Area in pasture will require a C-141 to be submitted along with a remediation work plan. Area is in violation of Rule 13 and Rule 116.

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.