

## NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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VINTAGE DRILLING LLC R 310 S HALDEMAN RD ARTESIA NM 88210

**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

ROBINSON JACKSON UNIT No.014

P-27-17S-29E

30-015-03150-00-00

Inspection Date

Type Inspection

Inspector

\*Significant Violation? Non-Compliance? Corrective

Inspection No.

09/15/2005

Routine/Periodic

Chris Beadle

Yes

No

Action Due By: 10/17/2005

iCLB0525844788

Absent Well Identification Signs (Rule 103)

Surface Damage/Restoration

Surface Leaks/Spills

Comments on Inspection:

Flow line from this well appears to connect into a gathering pipeline at road entrance to well location. This pipeline has had a leak and been repaired. Contamination from this leak has flowed

to the south along road and into two areas of pasture. Remediation required.

Contact NMOCD District 2 Environmental Compliance Officer with site ranking and remediation

work plan.

Notify NMOCD District 2 Office 48 hours prior to any remediation work or taking samples where

results that may be submitted to OCD.

Well sign is not legible. Contact NMOCD District 2 Office when well sign is corrected.

ROBINSON JACKSON UNIT No.023

C-35-17S-29E

30-015-03784-00-00

Inspection

Type Inspection Date

Inspector

\*Significant Violation? Non-Compliance? Corrective

09/15/2005 Routine/Periodic

Chris Beadle Yes No

Action Due By: 10/17/2005

Inspection No. iCLB0525841139

Violations

Surface Damage/Restoration

Comments on Inspection:

Extensive wellhead contamination has run off site to the north. Remediation required.

Contact NMOCD District 2 Environmental Compliance Officer with site ranking and remediation

work plan.

Notify NMOCD District 2 Office 48 hours prior to any remediation work or taking samples where

results that may be submitted to OCD.

**ROBINSON JACKSON UNIT No.005** 

B-35-17S-29E 30-015-03786-00-00

Inspection Date

Type Inspection

Inspector Violation?

\*Significant Non-Compliance?

Corrective Action Due By:

Inspection No.

09/15/2005

Routine/Periodic

Chris Beadle

Yes

No

10/17/2005

iCLB0525841028

Violations

Surface Damage/Restoration Surface Leaks/Spills

Comments on Inspection:

Flowline at crossroads to the south of this well has leaked, run down the road (north) and into natural depressions on both sides of the road, heavily impacting pasture in these areas.

Remediation required.

Contact NMOCD District 2 Environmental Compliance Officer with site ranking and remediation

work plan.

Notify NMOCD District 2 Office 48 hours prior to any remediation work or taking samples where

results that may be submitted to OCD.

WESTALL B STATE No.006

Type Inspection

Inspector

E-36-17S-29E \*Significant 30-015-03793-00-00

Inspection Date

Routine/Periodic

Chris Beadle

Violation? Yes

Non-Compliance? No

Corrective Action Due By: 10/17/2005

Inspection No. iCLB0525839924

09/15/2005

Violations Surface Damage/Restoration

Comments on Inspection:

Tank battery, southeast of well, has flowline repair at road entrance to location, pooled hydrocarbons on heavily saturated soils. Tank battery has lighter contamination across location.

Wellhead area heavily contaminated, runoff into soils on location. Remediaiton required.

Contact NMOCD District 2 Environmental Compliance Officer with site ranking and remediation

work plan.

Notify NMOCD District 2 Office 48 hours prior to any remediation work or taking samples where

results that may be submitted to 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 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,

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.