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**\*Response Required - Deadline Enclosed\***

*Underground Injection Control Program  
"Protecting Our Underground Sources of Drinking Water"*

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**COG OPERATING LLC**  
ONE CONCHO CENTER 600 W. ILLINOIS AVE  
MIDLAND TX 79701-

**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**

<b>DODD FEDERAL UNIT No.027</b>		<b>30-015-02978-00-00</b>
		C-14-17S-29E
Active Injection - (All Types)		
<b>Test Date:</b>	3/26/2014	<b>Permitted Injection PSI:</b>
<b>Test Reason:</b>	Post Workover Test	<b>Test Result:</b> F
<b>Test Type:</b>	Std. Annulus Pres. Test	<b>FAIL TYPE:</b> Operational Violation
<b>Comments on MIT:</b>	Test not performed. Informed by pumper that well has not been repaired. This well failed it's MIT test on 3/18/13. This has been out of compliance for more than 1 year. Please indicate your plans immediately to bring this well into compliance.	
		<b>Actual PSI:</b>
		<b>Repair Due:</b> 6/29/2014
		<b>FAIL CAUSE:</b>

<b>BURCH KEELY UNIT No.043</b>		<b>30-015-20377-00-00</b>
		A-23-17S-29E
Active Injection - (All Types)		
<b>Test Date:</b>	3/26/2014	<b>Permitted Injection PSI:</b>
<b>Test Reason:</b>	Annual IMIT	<b>Test Result:</b> F
<b>Test Type:</b>	Bradenhead Test	<b>FAIL TYPE:</b> Other Internal Failure
<b>Comments on MIT:</b>	Blow of fluid from casing valve.	
		<b>Actual PSI:</b> 880
		<b>Repair Due:</b> 6/29/2014
		<b>FAIL CAUSE:</b>

**STATE MO No.001****30-015-24344-00-00**

## Active Salt Water Disposal Well

F-27-17S-28E

Test Date:	3/25/2014	Permitted Injection PSI:	Actual PSI:
Test Reason:	5-year Test	Test Result:	Repair Due:
Test Type:	Std. Annulus Pres. Test	FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure	FAIL CAUSE:
Comments on MIT:	Well will not hold pressure		

**DODD FEDERAL UNIT No.025****30-015-25456-00-00**

## Active Injection - (All Types)

D-14-17S-29E

Test Date:	3/25/2014	Permitted Injection PSI:	Actual PSI:
Test Reason:	5-year Test	Test Result:	Repair Due:
Test Type:	Std. Annulus Pres. Test	FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure	FAIL CAUSE:
Comments on MIT:	Well will not hold pressure		

**DODD FEDERAL UNIT No.023****30-015-25790-00-00**

## Active Injection - (All Types)

D-14-17S-29E

Test Date:	3/25/2014	Permitted Injection PSI:	Actual PSI:
Test Reason:	5-year Test	Test Result:	Repair Due:
Test Type:	Std. Annulus Pres. Test	FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure	FAIL CAUSE:
Comments on MIT:	Well will not hold pressure		

**DODD FEDERAL UNIT No.043****30-015-26198-00-00**

## Active Injection - (All Types)

L-14-17S-29E

Test Date:	3/26/2014	Permitted Injection PSI:	Actual PSI:
Test Reason:	Annual IMIT	Test Result:	Repair Due:
Test Type:	Bradenhead Test	FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure	FAIL CAUSE:
Comments on MIT:	Pumper brought truck in to blow down casing. He said that after blowing down, it built back up to equalize the tubing pressure.		

**SABER FEDERAL No.001****30-015-27882-00-00**

## Active Salt Water Disposal Well

B-11-17S-29E

Test Date:	3/26/2014	Permitted Injection PSI:	Actual PSI:
Test Reason:	Annual IMIT	Test Result:	Repair Due:
Test Type:	Bradenhead Test	FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure	FAIL CAUSE:
Comments on MIT:	350 psi on casing valve. Blew the casing down, the shut valve. Immediately built pressure back up.		

**M DODD B DEEP FEDERAL No.002****30-015-31041-00-00**

## Active Salt Water Disposal Well

H-14-17S-29E

Test Date:	3/25/2014	Permitted Injection PSI:	Actual PSI:
Test Reason:	5-year Test	Test Result:	Repair Due:
Test Type:	Std. Annulus Pres. Test	FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure	FAIL CAUSE:
Comments on MIT:	Well will not hold pressure		

**JENKINS B FEDERAL No.012****30-015-31559-00-00**

## Active Injection - (All Types)

F-20-17S-30E

Test Date:	3/26/2014	Permitted Injection PSI:	Actual PSI:
Test Reason:	Annual IMIT	Test Result:	Repair Due:
Test Type:	Bradenhead Test	FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure	FAIL CAUSE:
Comments on MIT:	Casing has same pressure as tubing.		

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.

Sincerely,



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.