



# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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**LETTER 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**

**ARTESIA UNIT No.103**

P-3-18S-28E

30-015-33287-00-00

| Inspection Date                             | Type Inspection  | Inspector  | Violation? | *Significant Non-Compliance? | Corrective Action Due By: | Inspection No. |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| 03/02/2007                                  | Routine/Periodic | Ron Harvey | Yes        | No                           | 4/2/2007                  | iREH0706134212 |
| <b>Violations</b>                           |                  |            |            |                              |                           |                |
| Absent Well Identification Signs (Rule 103) |                  |            |            |                              |                           |                |
| Emergency/Temporary Pits                    |                  |            |            |                              |                           |                |

**Comments on Inspection:** Well producing since 9/1/2006. Pit still open in violation of Rule 50. Pit full of solids and liner is down in several locations. Wellhead leaking slightly. No well sign on or near location in violation of Rule 103. Photos taken.

**ARTESIA UNIT No.105**

M-3-18S-28E

30-015-34702-00-00

| Inspection Date                             | Type Inspection  | Inspector  | Violation? | *Significant Non-Compliance? | Corrective Action Due By: | Inspection No. |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| 03/02/2007                                  | Routine/Periodic | Ron Harvey | Yes        | No                           | 4/2/2007                  | iREH0706134828 |
| <b>Violations</b>                           |                  |            |            |                              |                           |                |
| Absent Well Identification Signs (Rule 103) |                  |            |            |                              |                           |                |

**Comments on Inspection:** Well producing since 10/1/2006. Pit still open and full of liquid. Liner down on south side. No well sign on or near location in violation of Rule 103, photos taken.

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,

Handwritten signature of Ron Hawey in cursive script.

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.