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Response Required - Deadline Enclosed

Field Inspection Program
"Preserving the Imegity of Our Environment"

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TANDEM ENERGY CORPORATION 11490 WESTHEIMER RD, STE 1000 HOUSTON TX 77077 LOV NO. 02-09-100

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

EXXON STATE No.001

M-16-16S-31E

30-015-21003-00-00

Inspection Date

Type Inspection

Inspector

Violation?

*Significant Non-Compliance?

Corrective Action Due By:

Inspection No.

10/26/2009 Complaint Response

Darold J. Gray

Yes

No

11/2/2009

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Comments on Inspection:

All production equipment disconnected. Last production reported 12/2004. All valves are closed. Gas coming to surface through ground around well head area, indicating casing failure. Violation of NMAC 19.15.16.11. Submit a form C-103 with a plugging or repair procedure. Incorrect operator on well sign. Violation of NMAC 19.15.16.8. Submit a form C-103 notifying division of changes. Inactive well. Last production reported was 12/1/2004. Violation of NMAC 19.15.25.8,

wells to be properly abandoned. Submit a form C-103 notifying of your intent.

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.