



# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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**\*Response Required – Deadline Enclosed\***

*Field Inspection Program*

*"Preserving the Integrity of Our Environment"*

LOW NO  
02-09-178

27-Dec-10

**LINN OPERATING, INC.**

600 TRAVIS SUITE 5100

HOUSTON TX 77002

**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**

<b>TURNER B No.025</b>				<b>C-29-17S-31E</b>	<b>30-015-05434-00-00</b>		
<b>Inspection Date</b>	<b>Type Inspection</b>	<b>Inspector</b>	<b>Violation?</b>	<b>*Significant Non-Compliance?</b>	<b>Corrective Action Due By:</b>	<b>Inspection No.</b>	
12/27/2010	Routine/Periodic	Kimberly Wilson	Yes	No	3/27/2011	iKMW1036157411	
<b>Comments on Inspection:</b> Idle well, 216 months with no production. Violation of NMAC 19.15.25.8. Operator must return well to beneficial use, TA or submit P/A procedures to OCD District II office no later than March 27, 2011, for approval.							
<b>TURNER B No.047</b>				<b>B-29-17S-31E</b>	<b>30-015-05435-00-00</b>		
<b>Inspection Date</b>	<b>Type Inspection</b>	<b>Inspector</b>	<b>Violation?</b>	<b>*Significant Non-Compliance?</b>	<b>Corrective Action Due By:</b>	<b>Inspection No.</b>	
12/27/2010	Routine/Periodic	Kimberly Wilson	Yes	No	1/10/2011	iKMW1036157598	
<b>Comments on Inspection:</b> Need current operator on well sign, violation of NMAC 19.15.16.8. Operator must submit C-103 stating when current operator was added to well sign, no later than January 10, 2011.							
<b>TURNER B No.023</b>				<b>D-29-17S-31E</b>	<b>30-015-05438-00-00</b>		
<b>Inspection Date</b>	<b>Type Inspection</b>	<b>Inspector</b>	<b>Violation?</b>	<b>*Significant Non-Compliance?</b>	<b>Corrective Action Due By:</b>	<b>Inspection No.</b>	
12/27/2010	Routine/Periodic	Kimberly Wilson	Yes	No	3/27/2011	iKMW1036155245	
<b>Comments on Inspection:</b> Idle Well, 216 months with no production. Violation of NMAC 19.15.25.8. Operator must return well to beneficial use, TA or submit P/A procedures to OCD District II office no later than March 27, 2011.							

**TURNER B No.059**

A-29-17S-31E

30-015-05446-00-00

Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection No.
12/27/2010	Routine/Periodic	Kimberly Wilson	Yes	No	1/10/2011	iKMW1036157690

**Comments on Inspection:** Need current operator on well sign, violation of NMAC 19.15.16.8. Operator must submit C-103 stating when current operator was added to well sign, no later than January 10, 2011.

**TURNER B No.071**

M-29-17S-31E

30-015-05454-00-00

Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection No.
12/27/2010	Routine/Periodic	Kimberly Wilson	Yes	No	3/27/2011	iKMW1036156340

**Comments on Inspection:** Idle Well, 74 months with no production, violation of NMAC 19.15.25.8. Operator must return well to beneficial use, TA or submit P?A procedures to OCD District II office no later than March 27, 2011, for approval.

**TURNER B No.082**

J-29-17S-31E

30-015-26385-00-00

Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection No.
12/27/2010	Routine/Periodic	Kimberly Wilson	Yes	No	1/10/2011	iKMW1036157075

**Comments on Inspection:** Need current operator on well sign, violation of NMAC 19.15.16.8. Operator must submit C-103 stating when current operator was added to well sign, no later than January 10, 2011.

**TURNER B No.085**

B-29-17S-31E

30-015-26386-00-00

Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection No.
12/27/2010	Routine/Periodic	Kimberly Wilson	Yes	No	1/10/2011	iKMW1036157140

**Comments on Inspection:** Oil pooled at wellhead due to stuffing box leak, violation of NMAC 19.15.2.8 & NMAC 19.15.29. Operator must submit a C-141 to OCD District II office no later than January 10, 2011. Remediation plan may be required. Photos taken.

**TURNER B No.087**

K-29-17S-31E

30-015-26387-00-00

Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection No.
12/27/2010	Routine/Periodic	Kimberly Wilson	Yes	No	1/10/2011	iKMW1036156538

**Comments on Inspection:** Release of chlorides from the stuffing box leak, violation of NMAC 19.15.2.8 & 19.15.29. Operator must submit C-141 to OCD District II office no later than January 10, 2011. Remediation plan may be required. Photos taken.

**TURNER B No.080**

L-29-17S-31E

30-015-26388-00-00

Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection No.
12/27/2010	Routine/Periodic	Kimberly Wilson	Yes	No	1/10/2011	iKMW1036155911

**Comments on Inspection:** Fresh contamination around wellhead and small pool of oil to right of wellhead, violation of NMAC 19.15.2.8 & 19.15.29. Operator must submit a C-141 to OCD District II office no later than January 10, 2011. Remediation plan may be required. Photos taken.

**TURNER B No.081**

J-29-17S-31E

30-015-26389-00-00

Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection No.
12/27/2010	Routine/Periodic	Kimberly Wilson	Yes	No	1/10/2011	iKMW1036156715

**Comments on Inspection:** Need current operator on well sign, violation of NMAC 19.15.16.8. Operator must submit C-103 stating when current operator was added to well sign, no later than January 10, 2011.

**TURNER B No.083**

F-29-17S-31E

30-015-26390-00-00

Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection No.
12/27/2010	Routine/Periodic	Kimberly Wilson	Yes	No	1/10/2011	iKMW1036155633

**Comments on Inspection:** Fresh contamination around wellhead and across location, violation of NMAC 19.15.2.8 & NMAC 19.15.29. Operator must submit C-141 to OCD District II office no later than January 10, 2011. Remediation plan may be required. Photos taken.

**TURNER B No.084**

B-29-17S-31E

30-015-26391-00-00

Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection No.
12/27/2010	Routine/Periodic	Kimberly Wilson	Yes	No	1/10/2011	iKMW1036157303

**Comments on Inspection:** Need current operator on well sign, violation of NMAC 19.15.16.8. Operator must submit C-103 stating when current operator was added to well sign, no later than January 10, 2011.

**TURNER B No.088**

J-29-17S-31E

30-015-26571-00-00

Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection No.
12/27/2010	Routine/Periodic	Kimberly Wilson	Yes	No	1/10/2011	iKMW1036156786

**Comments on Inspection:** Fresh contamination due to oil being pooled at wellhead from stuffing box leak, violation of NMAC 19.15.2.8 & NMAC 19.15.29. Operator must submit C-141 to OCD District II office no later than January 10, 2011. Remediation may be required. Photos taken.

Need operator change on well sign. Violation of NMAC 19.15.16.8, please submit a C-103 regarding date change was made, no later than January 10, 2011.

**TURNER B No.091**

A-29-17S-31E

30-015-26603-00-00

Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection No.
12/27/2010	Routine/Periodic	Kimberly Wilson	Yes	No	1/10/2011	iKMW1036157648

**Comments on Inspection:** Need current operator on well sign, violation of NMAC 19.15.16.8. Operator must submit C-103 stating when current operator was added to well sign, no later than January 10, 2011.

**TURNER B No.099**

L-29-17S-31E

30-015-26621-00-00

Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection No.
12/27/2010	Routine/Periodic	Kimberly Wilson	Yes	No	1/10/2011	iKMW1036156093

**Comments on Inspection:** Need current operator on well sign, violation of NMAC 19.15.16.8. Operator must submit C-103 stating when current operator was added to well sign, no later than January 10, 2011.

**TURNER B No.137**

B-29-17S-31E

30-015-29954-00-00

Inspection Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection No.
12/27/2010	Routine/Periodic	Kimberly Wilson	Yes	No	1/10/2011	iKMW1036157754

**Comments on Inspection:** Need current operator on well sign, violation of NMAC 19.15.16.8. Operator must submit C-103 stating when current operator was added to well sign, no later than January 10, 2011.

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.