

# State Of 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"*

12-Nov-20

**COBALT OPERATING, LLC**  
 PO Box 51468  
 Midland, TX 79710

**LETTER OF VIOLATION - Field Inspection**

Dear Operator:

The following inspection indicates that the well, equipment, location or operational status of the well 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 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***

[30-025-29711] CONSOLIDATED STATE #003

OGRID: 286255

C-09-17S-37E 660 FNL 2128 FWL

<b>Inspection Date</b>	<b>Type Inspection</b>	<b>Inspector</b>	<b>Corrective Action Due By</b>	<b>Inspection No.</b>
10/21/2020	Routine Inspection	[EZB] Eugene Bolton	2/15/2021	IEZB2029528035

**Violations:**

**Rule**

19.15.10.8 Safety Procedures for Drilling and Production

**Comment:**

Barrel of unknown substance on ground, extended field of produced water / oil on ground, abandoned poly barrel partial full of unknown substance.

19.15.16 Drilling and Production

**Comment:**

Electrical and prod valve/s off, prod line disconnected.

19.15.25.8 Wells to be Properly Abandoned

**Violation**

Unauthorized Release

Noncompliance with Requirements (Construction, Operations or Closure)

Noncompliance with Plugging Requirements

11/12/2020

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.

Sincerely,



Compliance Officer, EMNRD-OCD

Hobbs OCD District Office

**Note:** Information in Detail Section comes directly from field inspector data entries - not all blanks will contain data.

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