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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

VACUUM GRAYBURG SAN ANDRES UNIT No.029

30-025-24313-00-00

Active Injection - (All Types)

E-2-18S-34E

Test Date: 11/15/2011

Permitted Injection PSI:

Actual PSI:

Test Reason: Annual IMIT

Test Result: F

Repair Due: 2/18/2012

Test Type: Bradenhead Test

FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure

FAIL CAUSE:

Comments on MIT: WeLL IS PRIOR UIC VIOLATION; CASING BACKFLOW; TIED TO FRAC TANKS AT THIS TIME

VACUUM GRAYBURG SAN ANDRES UNIT No.035

30-025-24361-00-00

Active Injection - (All Types)

G-1-18S-34E

Test Date: 11/15/2011

Permitted Injection PSI:

Actual PSI:

Test Reason: Annual IMIT

Test Result: F

Repair Due: 2/18/2012

Test Type: Bradenhead Test

FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure

FAIL CAUSE:

Comments on MIT: ***FAILED BHT***SURFACE HAS SALT WATER DID NOT BLEED DOWN***OPERATOR IN VIOLATION OF NMOC Rule 19.15.26.11****

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CENTRAL VACUUM UNIT No.099

30-025-25710-00-00
E-6-18S-35E

Active Injection - (All Types)

Test Date: 11/22/2011 Permitted Injection PSI:
Test Reason: Annual IMIT Test Result: F Actual PSI:
Test Type: Bradenhead Test FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure Repair Due: 2/25/2012
Comments on MIT: ***OPERATOR BLED DOWN CASING; BUILDS BACK UP-(PACKER FLUID)- OPERATOR HAS
OPTION TO PRESSURE TEST CASING IN ORDER TO JUSTIFY MECHANICAL INTEGRITY***

CENTRAL VACUUM UNIT No.045

30-025-25720-00-00
C-31-17S-35E

Active Injection - (All Types)

Test Date: 11/17/2011 Permitted Injection PSI:
Test Reason: Annual IMIT Test Result: F Actual PSI:
Test Type: Bradenhead Test FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure Repair Due: 2/20/2012
Comments on MIT: ***CASING WOULD NOT BLEED DOWN****500# (C02) CASING PRESSURE*** OPERATOR
HAS OPTION TO PRESSURE TEST CASING IN ORDER TO JUSTIFY MECHANICAL

CENTRAL VACUUM UNIT No.025

30-025-25813-00-00
K-25-17S-34E

Active Injection - (All Types)

Test Date: 11/17/2011 Permitted Injection PSI:
Test Reason: Annual IMIT Test Result: F Actual PSI:
Test Type: Bradenhead Test FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure Repair Due: 2/20/2012
Comments on MIT: OPERATOR CONCEDES WELL WILL NOT PASS MECHANICAL INTEGRITY (PRETEST)
****OPERATOR IN VIOLATION OF NMOC D RULE 19.15.26.11****

CENTRAL VACUUM UNIT No.026

30-025-25814-00-00
J-25-17S-34E

Active Injection - (All Types)

Test Date: 11/22/2011 Permitted Injection PSI:
Test Reason: 5-year Test Test Result: F Actual PSI:
Test Type: Std. Annulus Pres. Test FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure Repair Due: 2/25/2012
Comments on MIT: OPERATOR CONCEDES WELL WILL NOT PASS MECHANICAL INTEGRITY TEST (PRETEST)
OPERATOR IN VIOLATION OF NMOC D RULE 19.15.26.11**

CENTRAL VACUUM UNIT No.141

30-025-26001-00-00
M-36-17S-34E

Active Injection - (All Types)

Test Date: 11/22/2011 Permitted Injection PSI:
Test Reason: 5-year Test Test Result: F Actual PSI:
Test Type: Std. Annulus Pres. Test FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure Repair Due: 2/25/2012
Comments on MIT: OPERATOR CONCEDES WELL WILL NOT PASS A MECHANICAL INTEGRITY TEST
(PRETEST) ***OPERATOR IN VIOLATION OF NMOC D RULE 19.15.26.11***

CENTRAL VACUUM UNIT No.160

30-025-27970-00-00
E-36-17S-34E

Active Injection - (All Types)

Test Date: 11/22/2011 Permitted Injection PSI:
Test Reason: Annual IMIT Test Result: F Actual PSI:
Test Type: Bradenhead Test FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure Repair Due: 2/25/2012
Comments on MIT: ***OPERATOR IN VIOLATION OF NMOC D RULE 19.15.26.11****2ND NOTICE OF
VIOLATION*** PRIOR YEAR UIC VIOLATION****

VACUUM GRAYBURG SAN ANDRES UNIT No.150

30-025-30917-00-00
G-1-18S-34E

Active Injection - (All Types)

Test Date: 11/15/2011 Permitted Injection PSI:
Test Reason: Annual IMIT Test Result: F Actual PSI:
Test Type: Bradenhead Test FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure Repair Due: 2/18/2012
Comments on MIT: *****FAILED BHT*****CASING HAS 200# DID NOT BLEED DOWN- WILL REQUEST A
PRESSURE TEST FROM OPERATOR***OPERATOR IN VIOLATION OF NMOC D RULE

CENTRAL VACUUM UNIT No.173

30-025-35212-00-00
H-36-17S-34E

Active Injection - (All Types)

Test Date:	11/16/2011	Permitted Injection PSI:	Actual PSI:
Test Reason:	Annual IMIT	Test Result:	F
Test Type:	Bradenhead Test	FAIL TYPE:	Other Internal Failure
Comments on MIT:	FAILED BHT***OILY FLUID ON CASING 400#; DID NOT ATTEMPT TO BLEED OFF ***OPERATOR MAY PERFORM MECHANICAL INTEGRITY TEST***OPERATOR IN VIOLATION OF NMOC RULE 19.15.26.11***		

CENTRAL VACUUM UNIT No.455

30-025-38637-00-00
D-36-17S-34E

Active Injection - (All Types)

Test Date:	11/16/2011	Permitted Injection PSI:	Actual PSI:
Test Reason:	Annual IMIT	Test Result:	F
Test Type:	Bradenhead Test	FAIL TYPE:	Other Internal Failure
Comments on MIT:	FAILED PT***CASING HAS OILY FLUID 700#; INTERMEDIATE SHOWS 1500#; **DID NOT ATTEMPT TO BLEED INTERMEDIATE CASING; **OPERATOR MAY BLEED TO A TRUCK AND ATTEMPT PRESSURE TEST; ***OPERATOR IN VIOLATION OF NMOC RULE		

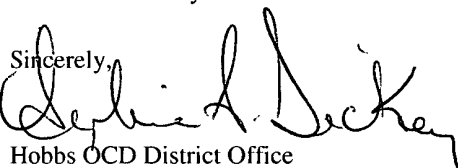
VACUUM GRAYBURG SAN ANDRES UNIT No.438

30-025-38785-00-00
A-1-18S-34E

Active Injection - (All Types)

Test Date:	11/15/2011	Permitted Injection PSI:	Actual PSI:
Test Reason:	Annual IMIT	Test Result:	F
Test Type:	Bradenhead Test	FAIL TYPE:	Other Internal Failure
Comments on MIT:	OPERATOR HAS WELL SHUT IN; LOCKED MASTER INJECTION VALVE; ***PRIOR YEAR UIC VIOLATION***OPERATOR IN VIOLATION OF NMOC RULE 19.15.26.11***2ND NOTICE OF VIOLATION ***		

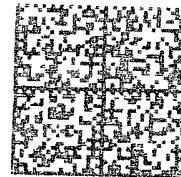
In the event that a satisfactory response is not received to this letter of direction by the "Repair Due:" date shown above, or if the well(s) are not immediately shut-in, further enforcement will occur. Such enforcement may include this office applying to the Division for an order summoning you to a hearing before a Division Examiner in Santa Fe to show cause why you should not be ordered to permanently plug and abandon this well. Such a hearing may result in imposition of CIVIL PENALTIES for your violation of OCD rules.

Sincerely,

Hobbs OCD District Office

COMPLIANCE OFFICER

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.

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