## State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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## \*Response Required - Deadline Enclosed\*

Underground Injection Control Program
"Protecting Our Underground, Sources, of Drinking, Water".

13-Jul-12

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LINN OPERATING, INC. ATTN: RON RAGLAND 2130 W. BENDER HOBBS, NM 88240

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**

**CAPROCK MALJAMAR UNIT No.011** 

**30-025-01445-00-00** G-17-17S-33E

Active Injection - (All Types)

Test Date: 7/11/2012
Test Reason: 5-year Test

**Permitted Injection PSI:** 

Actual PSI:

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Test Type: Std. Annulus Pres. Test

Test Result: F

Repair Due:

10/14/2012

Comments on MIT:

FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure

FAIL CAUSE:

\*\*\*FAILED PRESSURE TEST\*\*\*WOULD NOT LOAD FOR PRESSURE TEST\*\*\*OPERATOR IN

VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE 19.15.26.11\*\*\*\*

**CAPROCK MALJAMAR UNIT No.091** 

30-025-01530-00-00

Active Injection - (All Types)

F-28-17S-33E

Test Date:

7/5/2012

**Permitted Injection PSI:** 

Actual PSI: Repair Due:

Test Reason:

5-year Test

**Test Result:** 

10/8/2012

Test Type: St

Std. Annulus Pres. Test

FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure

FAIL CAUSE:

Comments on MIT: \*\*\*FAILED PRESSURE TEST\*\*\*OPERATOR IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE 19.15.26.11\*\*\*\*

## **CAPROCK MALJAMAR UNIT No.262**

30-025-33620-00-00

Active Injection - (All Types)

L-18-17S-33E

**Test Date:** 

7/12/2012

**Permitted Injection PSI:** 

**Actual PSI:** 

10/15/2012

Test Reason:

5-year Test

**Test Result:** 

Repair Due:

Test Type: Std. Annulus Pres. Test FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure

FAIL CAUSE:

Comments on MIT: \*\*\*FAILED PRESSURE TEST\*\*\*OPERATOR IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE 19.15.26.11\*\*\*\*

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.

Hobbs OCD District Office

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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.

**OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION 1625 N FRENCH DRIVE HOBBS NM 88240 EMNRD** 

**BOSTAGE** 

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