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Response Required – Deadline Enclosed

Underground Injection Control Program

"Protecting Our Underground Sources of Drinking Water"

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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

QUERECHO PLAINS QA SAND UNIT No.001 **30-025-26875-00-00**
Active Injection - (All Types) E-23-18S-32E

Test Date:	9/5/2012	Permitted Injection PSI:	Actual PSI:
Test Reason:	5-year Test	Test Result: F	Repair Due: 12/11/2012
Test Type:	Std. Annulus Pres. Test	FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure	FAIL CAUSE:
Comments on MIT:	FAILED PRESSURE TEST; 100# ON SURFACE CASING/INTERMEDIATE CASING; SALT WATER COMMENCED TO FLOW ON SURFACE/ INTERMEDIATE CASING WHILE PERFORMING PRESSURE TEST; OPERATOR NEEDS TO DIG OUT AND MARK SURFACE CASING; **OPERATOR IN VIOLATION OF NMOC D RULE 19 15 26.11*****		

QUERECHO PLAINS BS SAND UNIT No.003 **30-025-30570-00-00**
Active Injection - (All Types) J-14-18S-32E

Test Date:	9/5/2012	Permitted Injection PSI:	Actual PSI:
Test Reason:	5-year Test	Test Result: F	Repair Due: 12/9/2012
Test Type:	Std. Annulus Pres. Test	FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure	FAIL CAUSE:
Comments on MIT:	FAILED PRESSURE TEST; 100# ON SURFACE CASING/INTERMEDIATE CASING; SALT WATER COMMENCED TO FLOW ON SURFACE/ INTERMEDIATE CASING WHILE PERFORMING PRESSURE TEST; OPERATOR NEEDS TO DIG OUT AND MARK SURFACE **OPERATOR IN VIOLATION OF NMOC D RULE 19.15.26.11*****		

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QUERECHO PLAINS BS SAND UNIT No.004**30-025-30643-00-00**

Active Injection - (All Types)

I-14-18S-32E

Test Date: 9/5/2012 Permitted Injection PSI: Actual PSI:
Test Reason: 5-year Test Test Result: F Repair Due: 12/9/2012
Test Type: Std. Annulus Pres. Test FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure FAIL CAUSE:
Comments on MIT: FAILED PRESSURE TEST; 100# ON SURFACE CASING/ INTERMEDIATE CASING; SALT WATER
COMMENCED TO FLOW ON SURFACE/ INTERMEDIATE CASING WHILE PERFORMING
PRESSURE TEST; OPERATOR NEEDS TO DIG OUT AND MARK SURFACE CASING **OPERATOR
IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE 19.15.26.11*****

QUERECHO PLAINS BS SAND UNIT No.161**30-025-31115-00-00**

Active Injection - (All Types)

L-24-18S-32E

Test Date: 9/5/2012 Permitted Injection PSI: Actual PSI:
Test Reason: 5-year Test Test Result: F Repair Due: 12/9/2012
Test Type: Std. Annulus Pres. Test FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure FAIL CAUSE:
Comments on MIT: FAILED PRESSURE TEST; 100# ON SURFACE CASING/ INTERMEDIATE CASING; SALT WATER
COMMENCED TO FLOW ON SURFACE/ INTERMEDIATE CASING WHILE PERFORMING
PRESSURE TEST; OPERATOR NEEDS TO DIG OUT AND MARK SURFACE CASING; **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.

Sincerely,

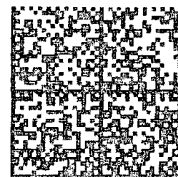


Hobbs OCD District Office

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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