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## \*Response Required - Deadline

**Field Inspection Program** "Preserving the Integrity of Our Environment"

25-Nov-13

SAHARA OPERATING CO P.O. BOX 4130 MIDLAND TX 79704

**LETTER OF VIOLATION -**

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 re-inspect the well and/or facility.

## **INSPECTION DETAIL SECTION**

NORTH EL	MAR UNIT N	No.054		F-36-26S-32E <b>30-025-08318-</b>		00-
Inspection				*Significant	Corrective	
Date	Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	Non-Compliance?	Action Due By:	Inspection No.
11/25/2013	Bradenhead	Sylvia Dickey	Yes	No	2/28/2014	iSAD1332937153
<b>Comments on Inspection:</b>		BHT 10/22/2013; **TA STATUS EXPIRED 6/13/2012** **NOTE WELL HAS BEEN				
		SHUT IN FOR 329 MONTHS***O	PERATOR N	IUST PLUG AND AB	ANDON WELL	
		OR PLACE WELL BACK ON ACT	ΓIVE STATU	S***OPERATOR IN V	/IOLATION OF	
		NMOCD RULE 19.15.25.8**** - "	WELLS TO	<b>BE PROPERLY ABA</b>	NDONED"	

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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, Hobbs OCD District Office COMPLIANCE OFFICER

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.



