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Response Required - Deadline Enclosed

13-May-14

LETTER OF VIOLATION

FASKEN OIL & RANCH
6101 Holiday Hill Road
Midland, TX 79701-1631

Dear Operator:

This letter of violation pertains to the following well:

Quail "16" State No. 8H
O-16-20S-34E
30-025-41366-00-00

Review of New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) files indicate that a Form C-144 Pit, Below-Grade Tank, or Proposed Alternative Method Permit or Closure Plan Application was never approved and therefore, a permit never issued by the division for the construction and operation of the temporary pit used to drill the well. Therefore, the operator is in violation of **Rule 19.15.17.8 PERMIT OR REGISTRATION REQUIRED, Section A. of the New Mexico Administrative Code** which states; "A person shall not construct or use a pit except in accordance with a division-issued permit...".

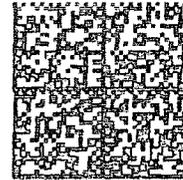
The operator is required to submit within 30 days of the date of this letter, a plan, method or other remedy that will assure that the company will not violate the above referenced rule in a similar manner again. In the event that a satisfactory response is not received to this letter of direction by the deadline given, further enforcement will occur.

Sincerely

Jeffrey LeRiney, Environmental Specialist
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