

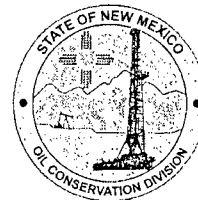
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**\*Response Required - Deadline Enclosed\***

*Field Inspection Program*  
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11-Aug-15

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**LETTER OF VIOLATION - Inspection**

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 reinspect the well and/or facility.


**INSPECTION DETAIL SECTION**

|   |                      |               |            |                              |                           |                |
|---|----------------------|---------------|------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| <b>WESTERN STATE No.001</b>   |                      |               |            | <b>H-4-17S-33E</b>           | <b>30-025-01291-00-00</b> |                |
| Inspection Date   | Type Inspection      | Inspector     | Violation? | *Significant Non-Compliance? | Corrective Action Due By: | Inspection No. |
| 08/10/2015  | Routine/Periodic     | Mark Whitaker | Yes        | No                           | 10/16/2015                | iMAW1522241512 |
|   | Violations           |               |            |                              |                           |                |
|   | Surface Leaks/Spills |               |            |                              |                           |                |
| <b>Comments on Inspection:</b> No well sign posted at well (Rule 19.15.16.8). Stuffing box leaking and soil around wellhead is contaminated. NEED TO INSTALL WELL SIGN AT PUMPING UNIT. NEED TO REMOVE CONTAMINATED SOILS AND REMEDIATE SOILS IN AFFECTED AREA. CONTAMINATED MATERIAL SHOULD BE DISPOSED OF PROPERLY. PLEASE CONTACT KELLIE JONES IN THE HOBBS DISTRICT OFFICE WITH REGARD TO CLEAN UP STANDARDS. |                      |               |            |                              |                           |                |

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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.

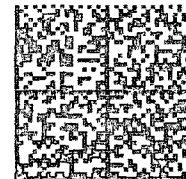
Sincerely,

  
Compliance Officer

Hobbs OCD District Office

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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