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Response Required - Deadline Enclosed

*Underground Injection Control Program
"Protecting Our Underground Sources of Drinking Water"*

13-May-16

LINN OPERATING, INC.
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**LETTER OF VIOLATION and SHUT-IN DIRECTIVE
Failed Mechanical Integrity Test**

Dear Operator:

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MECHANICAL INTEGRITY TEST DETAIL SECTION

CAPROCK MALJAMAR UNIT	No.018	30-025-01457-00-00
	Active Injection - (All Types)	I-18-17S-33E
Test Date: 5/13/2016	Permitted Injection PSI:	Actual PSI:
Test Reason: Annual IMIT	Test Result: F	Repair Due: 8/16/2016
Test Type: Bradenhead Test	FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure	FAIL CAUSE:
Comments on MIT: MIT-FAILURE. RULE: 19.15.26.11. OPERATOR REPORTED HAVE NOT REPAIRED WELL SINCE FAILURE LAST YEAR.		
CAPROCK MALJAMAR UNIT	No.007	30-025-01461-00-00
	Active Injection - (All Types)	G-18-17S-33E
Test Date: 5/13/2016	Permitted Injection PSI:	Actual PSI:
Test Reason: Annual IMIT	Test Result: F	Repair Due: 8/16/2016
Test Type: Bradenhead Test	FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure	FAIL CAUSE:
Comments on MIT: FAILED MIT. RULE: 19.15.26.11. OPERATOR REPORTED WELL HAS NOT BEEN REPAIRED SINCE FAILURE LAST YEAR.		

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MECHANICAL INTEGRITY TEST DETAIL SECTION

SEVEN RIVERS QUEEN UNIT No.065

30-025-29131-00-00

Active Injection - (All Types)

E-3-23S-36E

Test Date:	2/23/2016	Permitted Injection PSI:	Actual PSI:
Test Reason:	Annual IMIT	Test Result: F	Repair Due: 5/28/2016
Test Type:	Bradenhead Test	FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure	FAIL CAUSE:
Comments on MIT:	OPERATOR REPORTED MIT FAILURE. RULE: 19.15.26.11		

CAPROCK MALJAMAR UNIT No.037**30-025-01486-00-00**

Active Injection - (All Types)

D-19-17S-33E

Test Date:	5/13/2016	Permitted Injection PSI:	Actual PSI:
Test Reason:	Annual IMIT	Test Result:	F
Test Type:	Bradenhead Test	FAIL TYPE:	Other Internal Failure
Comments on MIT:	OPERATOR REPORTED, HAVE NOT REPAIRED WELL FROM FAILURE LAST YEAR. FAILED MIT. RULE: 19.15.26.11		

Repair Due: 8/16/2016

FAIL CAUSE:

HUMPHREY QUEEN UNIT No.027**30-025-23395-00-00**

Active Injection - (All Types)

H-4-25S-37E

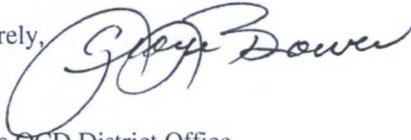
Test Date:	5/13/2016	Permitted Injection PSI:	Actual PSI:
Test Reason:	Annual IMIT	Test Result:	F
Test Type:	Bradenhead Test	FAIL TYPE:	Other Internal Failure
Comments on MIT:	OPERATOR REPORTED MIT-FAILURE. RULE 19.15.26.11.		

Repair Due: 8/16/2016

FAIL CAUSE:

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

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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