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Response Required - Deadline Enclosed

Field Inspection Program
"Preserving the Integrity of Our Environment"

01-Dec-08

SAHARA OPERATING CO

PO BOX 4130 MIDLAND TX 79704

LETTER OF VIOLATION - Inspection

30-025-09204-00-00

Dear Operator:

E F KING No.001

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

M-1-23S-36E

*Significant Inspection Corrective Type Inspection Inspector Violation? Inspection No. Non-Compliance? Action Due By: Date iMAW0833637538 Yes 3/6/2009 12/01/2008 Routine/Periodic Mark Whitaker No Violations Absent Well Identification Signs (Rule 103) Operator information incorrect on well sign. Need to correct well sign. 1st letter of non-**Comments on Inspection:** compliance. MW E F KING No.002 L-1-23S-36E 30-025-09205-00-00 Inspection *Significant Corrective Type Inspection Inspector Violation? Inspection No. Non-Compliance? Action Due By: Date 12/01/2008 Routine/Periodic Mark Whitaker Yes No 3/6/2009 iMAW0833637247 Violations Absent Well Identification Signs (Rule 103) **Comments on Inspection:** No well Sign (Rule 103). Need to install well sign. 1st letter of non-compliance. MW

E F KING No.003

K-1-23S-36E

No

30-025-09206-00-00

Inspection

12/01/2008

Type Inspection Date

Inspector

Mark Whitaker

*Significant Violation? Non-Compliance? 3/6/2009

Corrective Action Due By:

Inspection No. iMAW0833637950.

Violations

Comments on Inspection:

Absent Well Identification Signs (Rule 103)

Routine/Periodic

Operator information incorrect on well sign. Need to correct well sign. 1st letter of non-

Yes

compliance. MW

E F KING No.004

Inspection

Date

12/01/2008

Type Inspection

Routine/Periodic

Inspector

Mark Whitaker

Violation? Yes

M-1-23S-36E *Significant Non-Compliance?

No

30-025-09207-00-00 Corrective Action Due By: 3/6/2009

Inspection No. iMAW0833637732

Violations

Absent Well Identification Signs (Rule 103)

Comments on Inspection:

Operator information incorrect on well sign. Need to correct well sign. 1st letter of non-

compliance. MW

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 Divison Examiner in Santa Fe to show cause why you should not be ordered to permanently plug and abandon this well. Such a hearing may result in imposition of CIVIL PENALTIES for your violation of OCD rules.

Sincerely,

COMPLIANCE OFFICER

Hobbs OCD District Office

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.





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