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Field Inspection Program "Preserving the Integrity of Our Environment"

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LETTER OF VIOLATION - Inspection

iMGB0902756588

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					
No.001			F-17-14S-36E	30-025-26190-00-00	
Type Inspection	Inspector	Violation?	*Significant Non-Compliance?	Corrective Action Due By:	Inspection N
Plugged Well Surface Restor	Maxey Brown	Yes	No	5/2/2009	iMGB0902756

01/27/2009 Comments on Inspection:

STATE 17 No.001 Inspection

Date

DO NOT RELEASE. (RULE 202). NEED TO REMOVE MISC JUNK FROM AROUND MARKER (OLD FENCE POST, VALVE HANDLE, BARBED WIRE), ALSO NEED TO FILL

IN MOUSE HOLE/RAT HOLE. THIS IS 1ST LETTER OF NON-COMPLIANCE.

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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