

## NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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## \*Response Required - Deadline Enclosed\*

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

15-Sep-09

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LETTER OF VIOLATION and SHUT-IN DIRECTIVE Failed Mechanical Integrity Test

Dear Operator:

The following test(s) were performed on the listed dates on the following well(s) shown below in the test detail section.

The test(s) indicates that the well or wells failed to meet mechanical integrity standards of the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division. To comply with guidelines established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the well(s) must be shut-in immediately until it is successfully repaired. The test detail section which follows indicates preliminary findings and/or probable causes of the failure. This determination is based on a test of your well or facility by an inspector employed by the Oil Conservation Division. Additional testing during the repair operation may be necessary to properly identify the nature of the well failure.

Please notify the proper district office of the Division at least 48 hours prior to the date and time that the well(s) will be retested so the test may be witnessed by a field representative.

## MECHANICAL INTEGRITY TEST DETAIL SECTION

MALMAR UNIT No.416

30-025-01298-00-00

Active Injection - (All Types)

P-7-17S-33E

Test Date: Test Reason:

9/15/2009

Permitted Injection PSI:

Actual PSI:

Test Type:

Annual IMIT

Test Result:

Repair Due:

12/19/2009

12/19/2009

Std. Annulus Pres. Test

FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure

**FAIL CAUSE:** 

Comments on MIT:

ATTEMPTED PT.TWICE; BOTH TIMES WELL WOULD NOT HOLD PRESSURE; ALSO FLANGE ON WELLHEAD IS LEAKING NEEDS TO BE REPAIRED; \*\*\*\*\*OPERATOR IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD

RULE 19.15.26.10 Operation and Maintenance \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

MALMAR UNIT No.414

30-025-01301-00-00 N-7-17S-33E

Active Injection - (All Types)

Permitted Injection PSI:

Actual PSI:

Test Date: Test Reason:

9/15/2009 Annual IMIT

Test Result:

Repair Due:

Test Type:

Bradenhead Test

FAIL CAUSE:

Comments on MIT:

FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure

PRIOR YEAR FAILURE NOT REPAIRED; \*\*\*\*OPERATOR IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE

19 15.26.10 Operation and Maintenance\*\*\*

30-025-01310-00-00 MALMAR UNIT No.306

Active Injection - (All Types)

F-7-17S-33E

Actual PSI: Test Date: Permitted Injection PSI: 9/15/2009

Test Reason: Test Result: Repair Due: 12/19/2009 **Annual IMIT** F.

Test Type: FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure **FAIL CAUSE:** Std. Annulus Pres. Test

WELL WOULD NOT HOLD PRESSURE; \*\*\*\*OPERATOR IN VIOALTION OF NMOCD RULE Comments on MIT:

19.15.26.10 Operation and Maintenance\*\*\*\*\*

**MALMAR UNIT No.410** 

30-025-01311-00-00

Active Injection - (All Types)

J-7-17S-33E

Test Date: 9/15/2009

Permitted Injection PSI:

Actual PSI:

Test Reason: Annual IMIT

Repair Due: Test Result: 12/19/2009

Test Type: FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure **FAIL CAUSE:** Bradenhead Test

PRIOR YEAR FAILURE; \*\*\*\*OPERATOR IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE 19.15.26.10 Operation Comments on MIT:

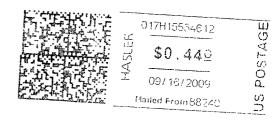
and Maintenance\*\*\*\*\*\*

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. Such a hearing may result in imposition of CIVIL PENALTIES for your violation of OCD rules.

Sincerely

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.

## SERVATION DIVISION RENCH DRIVE 1M 88240



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