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C/O: TOMMY HILL

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

Dear Operator:

Test Date:

Test Reason:

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

SOUTH JUSTIS UNIT No.240H

30-025-25376-00-00

12/20/2009

Active Injection - (All Types)

9/16/2009 ---

Permitted Injection PSI:

Test Result: F Test Type: FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure Bradenhead Test FAIL CAUSE:

Comments on MIT: Well is shut in problem downhole; did not attempt to bleed off casing

PRESSURE; \*\*\*\*OPERATOR IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE19.15.26.10 Operation and

Maintenance\*\*\*\*\*

SOUTH JUSTIS UNIT No.250L

30-025-32081-00-00

Active Injection - (All Types)

L-25-25S-37E

Test Date: 9/16/2009 Permitted Injection PSI:

Repair Duc:

Test Reason: Annual IMIT Test Result: F

Repair Due: 12/20/2009

Test Type:

Bradenhead Test

Annual IMIT

FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure

FAIL CAUSE:

COMMUNICATION BETWEEN TUBING AND CASING: DID NOT ATTEMPT TO BLEED DOWN:

\*\*\*\*OPERATOR IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE 19.15.26.10 Operation and Maintenance\*\*\*\*

## SOUTH JUSTIS UNIT No.194

Active Injection - (All Types)

30-025-32409-00-00 B-24-25S-37E

**Test Date:** 

9/16/2009 Annual IMIT Permitted Injection PSI:

Test Result:

Actual PSI:

12/20/2009

Test Reason: Test Type:

 $\mathbf{F}^{\Sigma}$ FAIL TYPE: Other Internal Failure Repair Due:

Comments on MIT:

Bradenhead Test

**FAIL CAUSE:** 

CONTINUOUS PRESSURE BUILD UP ON CASING; FLUID WOULD NOT BLEED DOWN; \*\*\*

OPERATOR IN VIOLATION OF NMOCD RULE 19,15.26.10 Operation 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.

Hobbs OCD District Office COMPLIANCE OFFICER

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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