

BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

IN THE MATTER OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF THE ) CAUSE NO. 1V  
RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE COLORADO OIL )  
AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION BY **YALE OIL** ) DOCKET NO. 0609-OV-12  
**ASSOCIATION, INC.**, LAS ANIMAS COUNTY, COLORADO )

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER BY CONSENT

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Yale Oil Association, Inc. ("Yale") drilled the Roberts #19-9 Well, located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 19, Township 34 South, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M. The Well was spud on October 8, 2000. The Roberts #19-9 Well was plugged and abandoned by Yale on October 28, 2003. On September 15, 2005 and October 5, 2005, Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("COGCC") staff inspected the Roberts #19-9 Well. The inspections revealed that the well pad and the lease road to the Well were not properly graded, recontoured, reseeded, and reclaimed.

On October 20, 2005, COGCC staff issued a Notice of Alleged Violation ("NOAV") to Yale for the alleged violation found on the Roberts #19-9 Well. The Well was alleged to be in violation of Rule 1004.a., all access roads to plugged and abandoned wells and associated production facilities shall be closed, graded and recontoured; well locations, access roads and associated facilities shall be reclaimed; as applicable, compaction alleviation, restoration, and revegetation of well sites, associated production facilities, and access roads shall be performed to the same standards as established for interim reclamation under Rule 1003. The NOAV described the alleged violation of Rule 1004.a. as, "The well site and lease road were not graded and recontoured. They also were not reseeded and reclaimed. Now the lease road has major erosion along the entire length of the lease road. In some spots the erosion is 6 feet deep." The NOAV specified the required abatement action to be performed as, "Well site and lease road need to be graded and recontoured. Then reseeded and reclaimed." The NOAV specified an abatement date of March 15, 2006.

On March 24, 2006, Mr. Greg Cox with Yale contacted COGCC staff by telephone and requested an extension of the NOAV abatement date. Mr. Cox stated that Yale had been trying to contact the landowner and that Yale intended to perform the required reclamation work on the Well. Mr. Cox further stated that he felt Yale could perform the required work by May 31, 2006. COGCC staff therefore granted Yale an extension of the original NOAV abatement date to May 31, 2006.

On June 8, 2006, COGCC staff contacted the landowner by telephone. The landowner stated that no further restoration work had been performed on the Well to date.

On June 12, 2006, COGCC staff issued an Administrative Order by Consent ("AOC") to Yale Oil Association, Inc. for violation of Rule 1004.a., failure to properly grade, recontour, reseed, and reclaim the well site and access road for the Roberts #19-9 Well, located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 19, Township 34 South, Range 61 West, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., proposing a fine of Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for violation of the rule. On June 28, 2006, Yale Oil Association, Inc. agreed to and accepted the AOC, including the fine of five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Oil and Gas Conservation Commission of the State of Colorado, pursuant to the above, has scheduled the above-entitled matter for hearing on:

Date: Monday, September 18, 2006  
Tuesday, September 19, 2006  
  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
  
Place: Suite 801, The Chancery Building  
1120 Lincoln Street  
Denver, Colorado 80203

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if any party requires special accommodations as a result of a disability for this hearing, please contact Margaret Humecki at (303) 894-2100 ext. 139, prior to the hearing and arrangements will be made.

Pursuant to said hearing in the above-entitled matter at the time and place aforesaid, or at any adjourned meeting, the Commission will enter such orders as it deems appropriate to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and to prevent the waste of oil and gas, either or both, in the operations of said field, and to carry out the purposes of the statute.

**In accordance with Rule 509., any interested party desiring to protest the granting of the application or to intervene on the application should file with the Commission a written protest or intervention no later than September 1, 2006, briefly stating the basis of the protest or intervention.** Such interested party shall, at the same time, serve a copy of the protest or intervention to the person filing the application. An original and nine (9) copies shall be filed with the Commission (Rule 503.). **Anyone who files a protest or intervention must be able to participate in a prehearing conference during the week of September 5, 2006.** Pursuant to Rule 503.f., if a party who has received notice under Rule 503.b. wishes to receive further pleadings in the above-referenced matter, that party must file a protest or intervention in accordance with these rules.

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Patricia C. Beaver, Secretary

Dated at Suite 801  
1120 Lincoln Street  
Denver, Colorado 80203  
August 18, 2006