



\*\*\* NOTICE OF ALLEGED VIOLATION \*\*\*

OGCC Operator Number: 10118  
Name of Operator: DOLPHIN ENERGY CORPORATION  
Address: 1700 LINCOLN ST STE 4000  
City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80203-4540  
Company Representative: JOHN TRABANDT

Date Notice Issued:  
03/01/2011

Well Name: ARROYO Well Number: 9-16 A Facility Number: 287352  
Location (QtrQtr, Sec, Twp, Rng, Meridian): NESE 16 6S 92W 6 County: GARFIELD  
API Number: 05 045 12982 00 Lease Number:

COGCC Representative: ANDREWS, DAVID Phone Number: 970 625-2497 EXT 1

THE FOLLOWING ALLEGED VIOLATION WAS FOUND BY THE COGCC REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE SITE LISTED

Date of Alleged Violation: 04/20/2010 Approximate Time of Violation:

Description of Alleged Violation:  
Based on a review of COGCC's well records and observations during a COGCC field inspection on 4/20/2010, conductor pipe was installed for this well in September 2006, and subsequently, activities at this well pad were suspended. Although a plate is welded on top of the conductor pipe to prevent access, this unused conductor pipe presents a long-term safety hazard and potential threat to the environment.

Act, Order, Regulation, Permit Conditions Cited:  
Rule 324A.a. and Procedures for Setting Conductor Pipe Policy

Abatement or Corrective Action Required to be Performed by Operator:\*

Within 30 days: cut conductor pipe four feet below ground surface, fill conductor pipe with cement, weld plate on top of conductor pipe, and backfill to ground level.

Abatement or Corrective Action to be Completed by (date): 03/31/2011

\* Proper and timely abatement does not necessarily preclude the assessment of penalties and an Order Finding Violation.

TO BE COMPLETED BY OPERATOR - When alleged violation is corrected, sign this notice and return to above address:

Company Representative Name: Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\*\*\* THIS NOTICE CONSTITUTES A SEPARATE NOTICE OF ALLEGED VIOLATION FOR EACH VIOLATION LISTED \*\*\*

**WARNING**  
Abatement and reporting time frames for Notices of Alleged Violation begin upon receipt of the Notice or five days after the date it is mailed, whichever is earlier. Each violation must be abated within the prescribed time upon receipt of this Notice, reported to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission at the address shown above, and postmarked no later than the next business day after the prescribed time for abatement. Should abatement or corrective action fail to occur, the Director may make application to the Commission for an Order Finding Violation. Proper and timely abatement does not necessarily preclude the assessment of penalties and an Order Finding Violation.

**PENALTY PROPOSED BY THE DIRECTOR PER RULE 523**

The Director may propose a penalty as listed in the table below, not to exceed a maximum of \$1,000.00 per day per violation. Such proposed penalty amount will be limited to \$10,000.00 per violation if the violation does not result in significant waste of oil and gas resources, damage to correlative rights, or a significant adverse impact on public health, safety, or welfare. Such proposed penalty amount may be increased if aggravating factors indicate the violation: was intentional or reckless; had, or threatened to have, a significant negative impact on public health, safety, or welfare; resulted in significant waste of oil and gas resources; had a significant negative impact on correlative rights of other parties; resulted in, or threatened to result in, significant loss or damage to public or private property; involved recalcitrance or recidivism upon the part of the violator; involved intentional false reporting or record keeping; resulted in economic benefit to the violator. Such proposed penalty amount may be decreased if mitigating factors indicate the violator: self-reported; promptly, effectively and prudently responded to the violation; cooperated with the Commission or other agencies with respect to the violation; could not reasonably control, or be responsible for, the cause of the violation; made a good faith effort to comply with applicable requirements prior to the Commission learning of the violation; had any economic benefit reduced or eliminated due the cost of correcting the violation; has demonstrated a history of compliance with Commission rules, regulations and orders. The Commission has final authority over the penalty amount assessed. The Commission or other agencies with respect to the violation; could not reasonably control, or be responsible for, the cause of the violation; made a good faith effort to comply with applicable requirements prior to the Commission learning of the violation; had any economic benefit reduced or eliminated due to the cost of correcting the violation; has demonstrated a history of compliance with Commission rules, regulations, and orders. The Commission has final authority over the penalty amount assessed.

BASE FINE \$500.00 PER DAY PER VIOLATION: RULES 210, 307, 311, 312, 313, 314A, 315, 405, 803, 804  
BASE FINE \$1,000.00 PER DAY PER VIOLATION: RULES 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 301, 302, 303, 305, 306, 308, 309, 310, 313A, 316A, 316B, 317, 317A, 317B, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 341, 401, 403, 404, 602, 603, 604, 606A, 606B, 607, 608, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 711, 712, 802, 805, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1101, 1102, 1103, 1201, 1203, 1204, 1103, 1201, 1203, 1204, 1205

In accordance with Rule 523.a.(4), fines for violations for which no base fine is listed shall be determined by the Commission at its discretion.

Signature of COGCC Representative: David Andrews Date: 03/01/2011 Time: 2:00PM  
Resolution Approved by: David Andrews Date: 11/8/2011  
ISSUED BOND CLAIM ORDER # 1V-382

**SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION**

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- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
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1. Article Addressed to:

DOLPHIN ENERGY CORP.  
ATTN: JOHN TRABANDT  
1700 LINCOLN ST, #4000  
DENVER CO 80203-4540

2. Article Number  
(Transfer from service label)

PS Form 3811, February 2004

**COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY**

A. Signature

X *M. Ormager*

☐ Agent

☐ Addressee

B. Received by (Printed Name)

*M. Ormager*

C. Date of Delivery

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☐ Yes

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