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Mr. Jerry Alberts
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Re: Facility ID Number 336037, Gypsum Ranch B Pad
Site Investigation and Remediation Plan # 6787
No Further Action Request
NOAV# 200332643
NWNE Section 14, 6S 93W
Garfield County, Colorado

Dear Mr. Alberts,

This letter is in response to Antero Resources' July 10, 2012 "Response to NOAV 200332643" submitted to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) in regard to the site investigation and remediation required by the referenced NOAV. A Site Investigation and Remediation Plan for this project was previously submitted and assigned remediation number #6787. Based on the information provided, the COGCC staff approves the closure of the remediation project #6787. The COGCC agrees that no further action relative to this spill is required at this site until final reclamation activities. However, should future conditions at the site be discovered of contaminant concentrations in soils exceeding COGCC standards or if ground or surface water is found to be significantly impacted, then Antero may be required to conduct further investigation and/or remediation at the site.

I have also reviewed the status of NOAV 200332643 and accompanying documents. At this time, Antero has conducted and submitted documentation for corrective action items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 listed in the NOAV, which have been met. The COGCC has not received information satisfying NOAV corrective action items 6 or 8. When corrective actions are complete, and all required information has been submitted to the COGCC, the NOAV must be signed and returned to the COGCC.

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The NOAV 200332643 cannot be closed at this time for the reasons above. Additionally, an "Answer for NOAV" form and instructions as to its use were emailed and mailed to Antero with the NOAV on December 12, 2011. As outlined in the transmittal letter, the Answer for NOAV needed to be returned to Mr. Peter Gowen, COGCC Acting Hearings Manager with 20 days of receipt of the letter. The COGCC has no record of having received a completed "Answer for NOAV 200332643" from Antero to date.

When the remaining abatement action documentation and the Answer for NOAV have been received, the COGCC will evaluate the closure of the NOAV at that time.

Regards,

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