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Mr. Lloyd Richards
Ranchers Exploration Partners LLC
9 North Parrish
Johnstown, CO 80534

Re: Notice of Alleged Violation #200356827
Ranchers Exploration Partners LLC,
COGCC Location ID #419639
Retta J, SWNW 24, T6N, R68, Larimer County

Dear Mr. Richards:

The Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) is issuing Notice of Alleged Violation (NOAV) # 200356827 to Ranchers Exploration Partners LLC (Ranchers) based on observations made during COGCC site inspection #665400294 conducted July 12, 2012.

The alleged violations include noncompliance with Conditions of Approval attached to the Location Assessment-Form 2a (#419639), inadequate stormwater runoff controls, and the presence of weeds, debris and trash throughout the location. Corrective actions required to resolve the NOAV are provided below:

1. Ranchers shall contact Margaret Ash within four days to discuss compliance schedule.
Contact information: 303-894-2100 ext 5110, 303-548-6298, margaret.ash@state.co.us.
2. Ranchers shall collect surface trash and debris at location and dispose of following CDPHE Solid Waste disposal regulations by August 10, 2012
3. Ranchers shall implement stormwater Best Management Practices (BMP) following good engineering practices to control stormwater runoff and to stabilize all cut and fill slopes and the lease by August 17, 2012
4. Ranchers shall prepare and submit a schedule for monitoring and maintaining the BMPs to the COGCC (attention Margaret Ash) by August 24, 2012.

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES: Mike King, Executive Director

COGCC COMMISSION: Richard Alward – John Benton – Thomas L. Compton – DeAnn Craig – Tommy Holton – W. Perry Pearce – Andrew Spielman – Mike King – Chris Urbina
COGCC STAFF: Thom Kerr, Acting Director – Margaret Ash, Field Inspection Manager – Karen Spray, Acting Environmental Manager – Stuart Ellsworth, Engineering Manager

5. Ranchers shall provide to the COGCC (attention Margaret Ash) contact information including phone, email and physical work address of person or persons responsible for monitoring and maintaining BMPs by August 24, 2012.
6. Ranchers shall provide a weed management plan to COGCC by August 10, 2012. Plan to be implemented by August 17, 2012.

The COGCC would also like to remind Ranchers that additional issues and potential violations of COGCC rules were observed during site inspections conducted on April 23, 2012 (#665400221), April 25, 2012 (#665400223), April 26, 2012 (#665400234) and April 27, 2012 (#665400236).

The Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission looks forward to working with Ranchers to resolve this Notice of Alleged Violation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. You can reach me at: 303-894-2100, ext 5110 or at: margaret.ash@state.co.us.

Sincerely,



Margaret Ash
Field Inspection Manager

Attachments

Notice of Alleged Violation #200356827
Field Inspection Report #665400294

cc:

Thom Kerr, Acting Director, Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission
James Precup, NE Field Inspection Supervisor, Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission
Jerry Henderson, Unit Leader, Solid Waste Compliance Assurance Unit, Solid Waste and Materials Management Program, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment