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## COGCC FIELD INSPECTION REPORT [Doc#663401173]

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**COGCC Field Inspection Report** <dnr\_eforms.helpdesk@state.co.us>

Tue, Sep 10, 2013 at 4:54 PM

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### COGCC Field Inspection Report

ATTACHED REPORT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO COGCC DATABASE  
BASED ON FIELD INSPECTION RESULTS.

**PLEASE REVIEW ENTIRE REPORT. UNSATISFACTORY ITEMS AND/OR  
VIOLATIONS AND CORRECTIVE ACTION DATES ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN  
RED.**

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Wed, Sep 11, 2013 at 11:00 AM

To: Elm Ridge-Terry Lindeman-Mgr <tlindeman@elmridge.net>

Cc: Steve Labowskie - DNR <steve.labowskie@state.co.us>

**Elm Ridge Resources**  
**IGE #114**

**NWSW 18 33N 7W**  
**05-067-09389**

Terry,

COGCC inspector, Steve Labowskie, reports that casing leak repair operations were underway at the time he inspected the subject well. This well is a new drill and is still considered under initial drilling and completion operations since no forms 5 and 5A have been submitted nor any production reported. Reporting and receiving approval prior to repairing the casing in these circumstances is some what debatable and the majority of the COGCC engineers feel that you are in violation of the intent of the rules and COGCC policy - Approval of Casing Repairs found on the web site. COGCC policies are intended for clarification of the rules and their intent and to describe acceptable practices and procedures.

I have attached a copy of the pertinent rules and policy to this email in a Word Document. I have also copied them below my name and address below. At this time, I choose not to issue a **Notice of Alleged Violation** (NOAV), but do ask that you receive prior approval to this sort of work in the future. In this particular case, be sure to submit a form 4 - Sundry Notice describing the casing leak repair work done and a well bore diagram (WBD) along with the form 5 - Drilling Completion Report and form 5A - Completed Interval Report.

Thank you,

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## **SERIES DRILLING, DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION AND ABANDONMENT**

### **301. RECORDS, REPORTS, NOTICES-GENERAL**

Any written notice of intention to do work or to change plans previously approved must be filed with the Director, and must reach the Director and receive approval before the work is begun, or such approval may be given orally and, if so given, shall thereafter be confirmed to the Director in writing.

### **317. GENERAL DRILLING RULES**

d. **Casing program to protect hydrocarbon horizons and ground water.** The casing program adopted for each well must be so planned and maintained as to protect any potential oil or gas bearing horizons penetrated during drilling from infiltration of injurious waters from other sources, and to prevent the migration of oil, gas or water from one (1) horizon to another, that may result in the degradation of ground water. A Sundry Notice, Form 4, including a detailed work plan and a wellbore diagram, shall be submitted and approved by the Director prior to any routine or planned casing repair operations. During well operations, prior verbal approval for unforeseen casing repairs followed by the filing of a Sundry Notice, Form 4, after completion of operations shall be acceptable.

## COGCC Policy

### APPROVAL OF CASING REPAIRS:

Verbal notification must be given to the Commission prior to starting any casing repair work. Commission staff will evaluate the wellbore to determine if remedial cement work is required for aquifer protection and/or formation isolation. All cement work required by the Commission staff must be verified with a cement bond log. A Completion Report (Form 5) is required if cement is pumped or the wellbore configuration is changed. A Sundry Notice (Form 4) and Completion Report (if applicable) must be submitted within thirty (30) days of completing the work.

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