



**COLORADO**

**Oil & Gas Conservation  
Commission**

Department of Natural Resources

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## **WARNING LETTER #2597090**

WPX Energy, Rocky Mountain, LLC  
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Operator Number: 96850  
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Well Name: Barrett #GM 333-36  
API Number: 045-07919  
Legal Location: SWSE Section 36, Township 6S, Range 96W, 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.  
Garfield County, Colorado

Date: August 29, 2014

**This Warning Letter is to inform you that the oil and gas facility or the oil and gas operations listed above may be in violation of the rules and regulations of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (“COGCC”) and correction action is required.**

There is reasonable cause to believe that a violation of the Oil and Gas Conservation Act, or of any rule, regulation, or order of the Commission, or of any permit issued by the Commission, has occurred. The Operator’s compliance with this Warning Letter is required to resolve these alleged violations. This document requires the Operator to timely respond to the COGCC and to comply with directives as listed by the **Corrective Action Deadline Date**. Failure to do so will result in the issuance of a Notice of Alleged Violation and initiation of enforcement proceedings in which COGCC will seek monetary penalties for the alleged violations pursuant to Rule 326.d and Rule 523, COGCC Rules of Practice and Procedure, 2 CCR 404-1.

The COGCC requires WPX Energy, Rocky Mountain, LLC (“Operator”) to implement corrective action(s) for the conditions identified below.

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**Alleged Violation:**

Operator identified holes in casing and submitted a sundry Form 4 (COGCC document #2121548, dated January 11, 2012) with a proposed procedure to repair the well. As of August 26, 2014, the repair has not been performed. COGCC rule 326.d requires that all wells which lack mechanical integrity shall be repaired or plugged and abandoned within six (6) months of failing a mechanical integrity test or of a determination through any other means that the well lacks mechanical integrity.

**Rule(s), Regulations(s), or Permit Conditions Cited: 326.d**

**How to Comply with this Warning Letter:**

Repair or plug and abandon the Barrett #GM 333-36 (API # 045-07919) and submit a written response to this Warning Letter, specifying how Operator will change its internal procedures to prevent recurrence of this alleged violation.

**Corrective Action Deadline Date: October 31, 2014**

**Failure to Comply with this Warning Letter:**

If Operator fails to perform the required corrective actions, COGCC will issue a Notice of Alleged Violation and seek penalties pursuant to Rule 326.d and Rule 523, COGCC Rules of Practice and Procedure, 2 CCR 404-1. (Please note that the COGCC's penalty authority was recently increased to a maximum of \$15,000 per day and penalties are no longer capped at a maximum of \$10,000 per violation.)

If you have any questions about this Warning Letter, please contact the COGCC representative below.

Sincerely,

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