

**Fwd: KPK Stermole #1 Complaint #200411312**

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To: OGCC EnviroScan - DNR <OGCC.EnviroScan@state.co.us>

Thu, Aug 28, 2014 at 2:30 PM

Cc. Complaint #200411312 - Correspondence

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From: **Brad Windell** <bradwindell@aquaticandwetland.com>
Date: Thu, Aug 28, 2014 at 1:51 PM
Subject: Re: KPK Stermole #1 Complaint #200411312
To: "Axelson - DNR, John" <john.axelson@state.co.us>

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Good Afternoon John,

Below are the question you asked that I respond to.

- Is there currently an ongoing release at the location? **Affirmative, evidenced by recent water pooling photographs taken at the leak location.**
- If there is an ongoing release, do you know if it is impacting the South Platte River and/or groundwater? **Unknown, without further investigation. However, a number of truck loads of soil were removed after the 2013 liquid releases reported at the same location in another aspect of the non-operational facilities.**
- Is the leaking you reference associated with the wellhead, flowlines or tank battery? **The current leaking of gaseous hydrocarbons is in close proximity to the well head and venting from the ground.**
- When did the leaking first begin? **Previous complaint reported to COGCC was 2013, or nearly one year ago.**

We will look back at our records, to see if we can identify the gentleman responsible for the clean up of the previous liquid hydrocarbons oozing from deep cylindrical 1-2 foot pits. Let me know if you have further questions.

Regards,

Land Owner

On Thu, Aug 28, 2014 at 9:14 AM, Axelson - DNR, John <john.axelson@state.co.us> wrote:

Brad,

I received the complaint you submitted to COGCC yesterday via Fax. I had a few questions regarding the complaint as follows:

- Is there currently an ongoing release at the location?

- If there is an ongoing release, do you know if it is impacting the South Platte River and/or groundwater?
- Is the leaking you reference associated with the wellhead, flowlines or tank battery?
- When did the leaking first begin?

Please reply to this email or give me a call when you have a chance. I plan to have the location inspected and then will follow up with the operator.

Thank you,
John

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Wed, Sep 3, 2014 at 12:03 PM

Brad,

I spoke with John Noto and did get a copy of the November complaint report. Again, I apologize if COGCC did not respond timely to your first complaint. We are sending a field inspector to the location today to document conditions. They will generate a field inspection report and note any COGCC rule violations observed. We will require the operator to make any necessary corrective actions, and if appropriate, will pursue enforcement actions.

I will follow up with you, or somebody from the Field Operations group will follow up with you later this week or early next week to discuss our findings. We will also provide you with a copy of the field inspection report. Thank you for submitting your complaint and bringing your concerns to our attention.
Sincerely,

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On Wed, Sep 3, 2014 at 11:28 AM, Brad Windell <bradwindell@aquaticandwetland.com> wrote:

Hi John,

Yesterday, I inadvertently faxed John Noto at your office a Complaint Report filed with your office November, 18, 2013, The complaint reported gaseous liquid releases at the Stermole #1.

The gaseous liquid releases are the result of decades of deterioration and obsolescence of the production facilities. The gaseous liquid release became visible after the September 9, 2013 flooding of the South Platte River.

The gaseous hydrocarbon oozing was in contact with ground water given the close proximity of the well to the South Platte River.

Perhaps, you can visit with John Noto for a copy of the 2013 Complaint Report and confirmation of receipt by your office.

Kind Regards,

Land Owner

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