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From: **Fischer - DNR, Alex** <[alex.fischer@state.co.us](mailto:alex.fischer@state.co.us)>

Date: Tue, Jun 7, 2016 at 2:46 PM

Subject: Re: FW: New Complaint

To: Joseph Mazotti <[j.mazotti@grynberg.com](mailto:j.mazotti@grynberg.com)>, Denise Arthur - DNR <[Denise.Arthur@state.co.us](mailto:Denise.Arthur@state.co.us)>

Cc: Kris Neidel - DNR <[kris.neidel@state.co.us](mailto:kris.neidel@state.co.us)>, Lou Colby - DNR <[lou.colby@state.co.us](mailto:lou.colby@state.co.us)>

**Joe-** Please provide a status of the Pit Remediation including schedule by COB June 9, 2016. Please refer to Document Number 2526228 for the approved Form 27 and COAs.

**Denise** - All information regarding the project is in REM 8333. We have been working with Grynberg on the pit remediation and have discussed with Grynberg representatives and the O'Tooles to contact you and Lou regarding reclamation once the pit is closed.

Let's try to touch base tomorrow.

Thanks  
Alex

On Tue, Jun 7, 2016 at 2:11 PM, Denise Arthur - DNR <[Denise.Arthur@state.co.us](mailto:Denise.Arthur@state.co.us)> wrote:

Alex or Kris,

Could either one of you Please give me some background on this complaint.....? I will need to send Lou out there but thought it would help if we started with some background.

Thanks, Denise

Lou, Please call the complainant about a site visit asap.

Thanks, Denise

**From:** Complaints - DNR, DNR\_COGCC [mailto:[dnr\\_cogcc.complaints@state.co.us](mailto:dnr_cogcc.complaints@state.co.us)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 02, 2016 1:37 PM  
**To:** Denise Arthur - DNR  
**Subject:** New Complaint

Hi Denise,

I've assigned you a new complaint regarding reclamation issues.

It appears the complainant has already been in touch with Alex Fisher and Kris Neidell regarding a pit, so they may have some info. The complainant also mentioned a payment issue, I asked him to clarify and may send that portion of the complaint to Jill Dorancy if appropriate.

The form18 is document # 200439608 and complaint info is below.

Thank you!

Megan

Column	Value
Date of Complaint	6/2/2016
Your Name	Patrick F. O'Toole
Your Address	Box 159
Your City and State	Savery. WY
Your Zip Code	82332
Your Phone (Used only to follow up)	<a href="tel:307-383-2418">307-383-2418</a>
Location of Concern	Grynberg Petroleum Company, 3600 S Yosemite St # 900, Denver, CO 80237, has been conducting operations on our private surface , located at Moffat 081/41, SE, Section 20, 12 N, 97 W.

<b>Do you know who the oil and gas company is? If so, please specify and if you contacted them already please indicate that and who you talked with.</b>	Grynberg Petroleum Company, 3600 S Yosemite St # 900, Denver, CO 80237 We have talked with numerous Grynberg employees over the years, but they seem to turn over frequently. Joe Mazotti is the employee we are communicating with now.
<b>Email Address</b>	<a href="mailto:h2otoole@gmail.com">h2otoole@gmail.com</a>
<b>Would you like to answer additional optional questions related to the issues you are experiencing? If so, click the appropriate issue from the below list. If not, click "NO". Then click "Continue".</b>	NO -- I JUST WANT TO SUBMIT NOW
<b>Is it happening right now?</b>	,
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<b>Detailed description of the issue or issues.</b>	, In spite of a surface use agreement and numerous conversations with company representatives, the site disturbed by Grynberg remains unreclaimed, with open pits and numerous pieces of equipment scattered about. Blowing dust is a hazard when it is dry. A deep pit exists that is filled with water when wet, and is a hazard to wildlife. It was only recently fenced after a site visit with the surface owners, Patrick and Sharon O'Toole, and COGCC representatives Kris Neidel and Alex Fischer. The company agreed to build a perimeter fence around the property since the water they leave attracts feral horses and makes the rangeland completely unavailable for grazing, which is very important to the surface owners' ranching operation. The disturbed soil is weed-infested, and reseeding efforts by the surface owners has been unsuccessful. We have not been paid the agreed upon amount for surface use.
<b>Type of Complaint (Click all that apply)</b>	Dust, Ground Water/Water Well, Property Damage, Spills/Soil Contamination, Waste Management / Dumping, lack of negotiated mitigation
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<b>Well or facility name and number (If known).</b>	Moffat 081/41
<b>Have you contacted any other agencies or local governments related to this issue or issues? If so, please provide details.</b>	No, we have been working directly with Mr. Neidel and Mr. Fischer.
<b>What is your preferred method for the COGCC to communicate with you throughout the investigation? (Select all that apply)</b>	e-mail, Phone
<b>Waste Management Additional Comments (The more details the better)</b>	''
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