



## WARNING LETTER # 401124421

10/06/2016

SANDRIDGE EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION LLC (# 10598)

Attn: Linda McDonald

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Mutual 0780 4-8H (API# 057-06541)  
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**This Warning Letter is to inform you that SANDRIDGE EXPLORATION & PRODUCTION LLC ("Operator") may be in violation of the rules and regulations of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("COGCC") and corrective action is required.**

The COGCC has reasonable cause to believe that the Operator has committed one or more violations of the Oil and Gas Conservation Act, or of a rule, regulation, or order of the Commission, or of a permit issued by the Commission. The Operator is required to comply with this Warning Letter by the **Corrective Action Deadline Date(s)** to resolve the alleged violation(s). 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 § 34-60-121, C.R.S. and Rule 523, COGCC Rules of Practice and Procedure, 2 CCR 404-1.

### **Alleged Violation(s) and Required Corrective Action(s):**

#### **906.b Spill Reporting**

**Description of Alleged Violation:** Pursuant to Rule 906.b., Sandridge Exploration & Production LLC (Operator) is required to report spills or releases of one (1) or more barrels of E&P Waste or produced fluids outside of berms or secondary containment to the COGCC within twenty-four (24) hours of discovery and a Form 19, Initial Spill/Release Report, must be submitted to COGCC within 72 hours.

While moving a frac tank on the Mutual #0780 4-8H well, API 057-06541, (Well) on August 4, 2016, approximately two (2) barrels of produced water were released outside of secondary containment. Operator failed to notify the COGCC and submit a Form 19, Initial Spill/Release Report, until August 12, 2016 (Document #401092848), violating Rule 906.b. On September 12, 2016, COGCC staff conducted an inspection of the spill/release area and observed that no remaining impact at the area of the spill was detectable (Document #685100062).





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**Required Corrective Action:** Operator shall submit a Form 4, Sundry Notice, providing of an explanation of the process Operator will use to timely report any spills or releases to the COGCC and comply with Rule 906.b. in the future.

**Corrective Action Deadline Date:** 11/07/2016

**How to Comply with Warning Letter:**

Operator shall complete the Required Corrective Action(s) above within the deadline(s) provided. Upon completion of the Corrective Action(s), Operator shall provide notice and evidence of completion to the COGCC staff identified below by the Corrective Action Deadline Date(s):

COGCC Enforcement: Steven Mah  
Email: [Steven.Mah@state.co.us](mailto:Steven.Mah@state.co.us)

Title: NOAV Specialist  
Phone Num: (303) 894-2100 x5159

COGCC Representative: Alex Fischer  
Email: [alex.fischer@state.co.us](mailto:alex.fischer@state.co.us)

Title: West Environmental Supervisor  
Phone Num: (303) 894-2100x5138

If you have any procedural questions about this Warning Letter, please contact Steven Mah.  
If you have any technical questions about this Warning Letter, please contact the COGCC Representative identified above.

**Failure to Comply with Warning Letter:**

If the Operator fails to perform Required Corrective Action(s) on or before the Corrective Action Deadline Date(s) stated above the COGCC will issue a Notice of Alleged Violation and seek penalties pursuant to § 34-60-121, C.R.S. and Rule 523, COGCC Rules of Practice and Procedure, 2 CCR 404-1.

All well data, rules and forms are available on our website at [www.colorado.gov/cogcc](http://www.colorado.gov/cogcc).

Sincerely,

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**Attachments**

View Attachments in Imaged Documents on COGCC website <http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/> Search by Document Number.

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