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Fwd: Discharging Abandoned Oil Well in Cache unit on Corey Veach property

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Hughes - DNR, Jim <jimo.hughes@state.co.us>

Tue, Oct 11, 2016 at 10:47 AM

To: OGCC EnviroScan - DNR <dnr_ogcc.enviroscan@state.co.us>, Alex Fischer - DNR <alex.fischer@state.co.us>

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Thanks!

Jim Hughes

Environmental Protection Specialist



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From: **Kevin Okleberry** <kokleberry@utah.gov>

Date: Tue, Oct 11, 2016 at 10:33 AM

Subject: Re: Discharging Abandoned Oil Well in Cache unit on Corey Veach property

To: Scott Clow <sclow@utemountain.org>

Cc: Steve Austin <nnepawq@frontiernet.net>, Patrick Antonio <panto41815@aol.com>, Colin Larrick <clarrick@utemountain.org>, Quinton Jacket <qjacket@utemountain.org>, Peter Ortego <portego@utemountain.org>, Barbera Rosenbaugh <BRosenbaugh@utemountain.org>, Maria Rivera <MRivera@utemountain.org>, Jerald Peabody <jpeabody@utemountain.org>, Gordon Hammond <GHammond@utemountain.org>, Veronica Cuthair <vcuthair@utemountain.org>, "rjoyner@blm.gov" <rjoyner@blm.gov>, "jimo.hughes@state.co.us" <jimo.hughes@state.co.us>, Kim Shelley <kshelley@utah.gov>

Scott

Thanks for the followup; we appreciated the response.

By way of introduction, I am the Spills Coordinator for the Utah Department of Environmental Quality's Division of Water Quality. If there is any discharge that might affect Utah waterways then I am the person to contact. If it's not in my jurisdiction then I will find out whose it is.

Thanks again.

On Fri, Oct 7, 2016 at 5:15 PM, Scott Clow <sclow@utemountain.org> wrote:

Hi Steve, Patrick and Kevin,

I went out and met the COGCC staff there and even showed them another old well nearby that was also discharging a small amount of produced water- at a slow drip rate. The first well they were at was 99% repaired by a company that had been hired to plug it a while ago (if I understood that connection correctly). The second was slowed to a **very** slow drip. Neither is discharging into surface water, each has a containment pit receiving the salt water. The wellhead areas and pits will eventually need to be remediated to prevent groundwater contamination and overflow into surface water if a major series of storms occurs.

Monument Global is in a lot of trouble with various entities right now because of lack of operations and lack of remediation activities. The Tribe is considering its own enforcement action, although we would be 4th on the list as it appears.

Thanks for the awesome communication and coordination on this today. We are glad it was not serious.

Scott T. Clow

Environmental Programs Director

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From: Steve Austin [mailto:nnepawq@frontiernet.net]
Sent: Friday, October 07, 2016 4:58 PM
To: 'Kevin Okleberry' <kokleberry@utah.gov>; Scott Clow <sclow@utemountain.org>
Cc: Patrick Antonio <panto41815@aol.com>
Subject: RE: Discharging Abandoned Oil Well

Kevin--Thanks for the notification. It is on Ute Mountain Ute land and will flow directly onto the Navajo Nation if it goes down that waterbody. It would remain entirely on the Navajo Nation unless it makes it to McElmo Creek and then travels down to where you share jurisdiction with us on the San Juan near Montezuma Creek. Hopefully it is nowhere near that significant of an event.

Scott—I will be on leave all next week. Please pass any information you find out about this release on to my supervisor Patrick Antonio (copied on this e-mail). He can be reached at [928-871-7185](tel:928-871-7185). Thanks.

--Steve

Steve Austin
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From: Kevin Okleberry [mailto:kokleberry@utah.gov]
Sent: Friday, October 07, 2016 4:15 PM

To: nnepawq@frontiernet.net; sclow@utemountain.org

Subject: Fwd: Discharging Abandoned Oil Well

Dear Sirs:

This came in to our office today. Based on the location the discharge might affect tribal land.

Thanks.

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From: **Pfaltzgraff - CDPHE, Patrick** <patrick.j.pfaltzgraff@state.co.us>

Date: Fri, Oct 7, 2016 at 10:54 AM

Subject: Discharging Abandoned Oil Well

To: Walter Baker <wbaker@utah.gov>, Erica Gaddis <egaddis@utah.gov>, Scott Clow <sclow@utemountain.org>

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Walt/Erica/Scott,

I wanted to give you all a heads up that we just became aware that there is a leaking abandoned oil well at in Montezuma County heading towards McElmo Creek. This appears to be a Monument Global Resources Inc. oil well. The Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) is taking the lead for Colorado state agencies, and my understanding is that BLM has been notified.

The lat/long of the spill is 37.238319 and 109.029033 that puts the location almost to the Utah border slightly north and west of the town of Towaoc and on the Ute Mountain Ute Border. There are no public water system intakes in this area and the creek will flow west into Utah and toward the San Juan River.

That's about as much info as I have right now, but as more information comes in I will share.

Pat

Patrick J. Pfaltzgraff

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