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Oil & Gas Conservation  
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Department of Natural Resources

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May 8, 2017

Mr. Cervi,

The Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) has completed the investigation of your complaint # 200440955. The COGCC investigation results for this complaint are documented under complaint # 200440955, which can be searched on the "Complaints" page from our main website <http://cogcc.state.co.us/>.

The following actions were taken by COGCC staff:

- Inspected the location on 1/20/2017 and met with Arthur Beecherl of Verdad Resources Oil & Gas (Verdad) to discuss the spill/release clean-up actions for the December 2016 spill. Based on this inspection and discussion, the COGCC staff requested further investigation of the spill site including subsurface soil samples to evaluate possible unremediated spill impacted soils at the north and northeastern side of the location tank battery. The COGCC documented this inspection under Field Inspection Report # 679400007 (copy attached).
- Based on the initial follow-on work, Verdad proposed additional impacted soils removal. That work was accomplished the week of April 16, 2017. Verdad removed soils from the spill area and collected confirmation samples from eight locations after removal of the soils. Those sample results were non-detect for petroleum hydrocarbons and verified compliance with COGCC cleanup standards.
- Approximately 166 tons of impacted soil were removed and properly disposed offsite. The excavation was backfilled with clean fill.
- All sample results documentation have been placed in the complaint file, which can be viewed under complaint #200440955.

Based on the additional soils cleanup performed by Verdad and the documentation verifying soil cleanup standards were achieved, the COGCC is closing this complaint.

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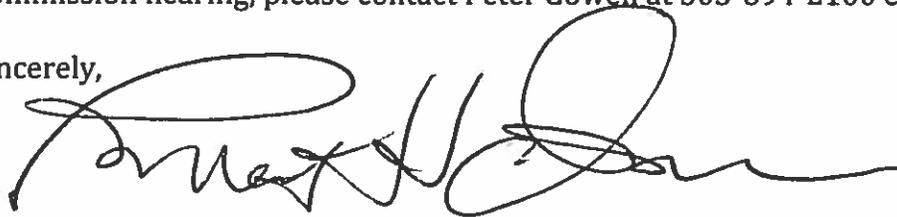
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As a complainant, you have a right to file a Petition for Review under Rule 522.b if you are not satisfied with the findings of this investigation. You may also make a public comment at a Commission hearing under Rule 510. A schedule of Commission hearings is located on the "Hearing" page off of our main website <http://cogcc.state.co.us/>.

If you have questions or concerns related to the investigation or the investigation's results, please contact me at the below contact information. If you have any questions related to filing an application for a review of the complaint investigation or making a public comment at a Commission hearing, please contact Peter Gowen at 303-894-2100 ext. 5150.

Sincerely,



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