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## NOTICE OF ALLEGED VIOLATION - ISSUED

Per Rule 522, the Director has reasonable cause to believe that a violation of the Act, or of any Commission rule, order, or permit has occurred, the Director will require the operator to remedy the violation and may commence an enforcement action seeking penalties by issuing a Notice of Alleged Violation (NOAV). Per Rule 523, an operator who violates the Act, or a Commission rule, order, or permit may be subject to a penalty imposed by Commission order.

### OPERATOR INFORMATION

OGCC Operator Number: 81480

Name of Operator: THOMAS L SPRING LLC

Address: 7400 E ORCHARD RD STE 106-S

City: GREENWOOD VILLAGE State: CO Zip: 80111

Contact Name and Telephone:

Name: THOMAS SPRING

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### Well Location, or Facility Information (if applicable):

API Number: 05-011-06094-00

Facility or Location ID:

Name: J C-STATE

Number: 32-11

QtrQtr: SWNE Sec: 11

Twp: 21S Range: 48W

Meridian: 6

County: BENT

### ALLEGED VIOLATION

Rule: 326.b

Rule Description: Shut-in Wells

Initial Discovery Date:

Was this violation self-reported by the operator? No

Date of Violation:

Approximate Time of Violation:

Was this a discrete violation of obvious duration? No

Description of Alleged Violation:

Pursuant to Rule 326.b., THOMAS L SPRING LLC ("Operator") is required to perform a Mechanical Integrity Test ("MIT") on Shut-in ("SI") wells within two (2) years of the initial shut-in date and then at five (5) year intervals after an initial successful MIT. COGCC Rules do not permit placing a well back on production to fulfill, or in lieu of, the requirements to conduct an MIT.

COGCC Staff had reason to believe Operator had committed one or more violations of COGCC Rules, and issued Warning Letter No. 401591205 to Operator on March 29, 2018, requiring Operator to conduct MIT or plug and abandon delinquent wells by June 30, 2018.

On September 25, 2018, COGCC Staff conducted an audit ("Audit") of Operator's records for the well(s) in the attached table ("Well"). The Audit included reviewing records such as Operator's Form 7 Monthly Reports of Operations and Field Inspection Reports filed by COGCC Staff after inspecting the Well to determine the dates the Well was SI, and the COGCC database to determine whether Operator reported MIT(s) for the Well. Through this Audit, COGCC Staff determined that at least one Well in the attached table was overdue for performance of an MIT on a SI well.

Operator failed to conduct timely MIT(s) for at least one SI Well, violating Rule 326.b.

**Proper and timely abatement does not preclude the assessment of penalties and an Order Finding Violation.**

In its Rule 522.d.(2) Answer, due within 28 days of the Operator's receipt of the NOAV, Operator shall provide the following to COGCC:

- Operator shall perform an audit of its Mechanical Integrity Testing and MIT reporting for all its wells in Colorado. Operator shall submit a detailed report to COGCC which shows the following information for each of its wells which has been in SI or TA status for at least one month starting 24 months prior to September 25, 2018 . Operator shall email a copy of this report as an unlocked (editable) spreadsheet to the COGCC Enforcement email address indicated in the Answer section below.

- (1.) API and Well name
- (2.) SI or TA status by month, for each month the Well was SI or TA
- (3.) Date of last MIT ("n/a" if no MIT performed for that Well)
- (4.) Due date of next required MIT, according to Rules 319 and 326. If the Well is delinquent on required MIT as of NOAV issuance, indicate the due date of the most recent missed MIT.
- (5.) Date Operator has scheduled to resolve the delinquency (such as by MIT or plug and abandon), if applicable. ("n/a" if the Well is not delinquent; "none" if Well is delinquent, but Operator has not yet scheduled operations to resolve the delinquency)
- (6.) (If TA) Whether Operator is current on the Form 4 TA Sundry submittal required by Rule 319.b.(1) & (3).

- A proposed compliance plan to resolve all delinquencies identified in Operator's audit. The proposed compliance plan will be subject to modification by the COGCC Engineering unit.

**PENALTY**

Penalties for violations alleged in this NOAV will be calculated pursuant to Rule 523, with daily penalties accruing pursuant to Section 34-60-121(1), C.R.S.

**ANSWER**

Pursuant to Rule 522.d.(2), the operator must file an Answer to this NOAV within 28 days of its receipt, or a default judgement may be entered. Hard copy answers are filed with the Commission Secretary at the Commission's Denver office and should also be emailed to [dnr\\_cogccenforcement@state.co.us](mailto:dnr_cogccenforcement@state.co.us).

**NOAV ISSUED**

NOAV Issue Date: 10/05/2018

COGCC Representative Signature: 

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**ATTACHMENT LIST**

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