



## COGCC Notification to WQCD of impact to surface water: Garfield County

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In accordance with our MOA for Response to Spills/Releases to Surface Water, the COGCC is notifying the CDPHE-WQCD of an incident that directly impacted surface water.

Incident Type: Produced water gathering pipeline failure

Incident Location: 39.403993, -108.099484, SESW Section 27, T7 South, R96 West, Garfield County, CO

Impacted Surface Water: Gravel pit (Una Pit)

Other proximate surface water: Colorado River

Operator: Caerus Piceance LLC (COGCC Operator ID 10456)

COGCC Spill/Release Tracking No.: TBD

CDPHE Tracking System: 2019-0021

Surface = FEE (Private)

Minerals = FEE (Private)

COGCC was notified of a release of produced water from a failed section of 3/8" tubing inside of the Basin Pipeline WC-4 Vault, which is located behind the Orchard Compressor Station. The incident was reported to Caerus Gas Control by Summit Midstream at approximately 4:00 PM on Monday, January 14, 2019. At this time, the volume and duration of the release are unknown, though Caerus estimates that 1,000-3,000 bbls of produced water may have been released. The released fluid flowed overland through the Orchard Compressor Station, primarily through the compressor station's stormwater ditches and sediment ponds, ultimately impacting a gravel pit called the Una Pit, located approximately 1,400' south of the vault.

Caerus began recovering and sampling the released fluids from stormwater ditches and sediment ponds on the evening of January 14, 2019, working with Summit Midstream for access to the Orchard Compressor Station. A water sample was collected from the point where the produced fluids entered the Una Pit. COGCC conducted a field visit with the operator on January 15, 2019 to inspect the spill area and to discuss the operator's plan for delineation and remediation of impacts. Caerus reports that the failed line has been repaired.

COGCC will continue to communicate with WQCD regarding this event. Please let us know if you need more information or would like to coordinate a field visit.

Thanks,

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