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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: 3975

Name of Operator: ARGALI EXPLORATION COMPANY

Address: PO BOX 416

City: RANGELY State: CO Zip: 81648

Contact Name and Telephone:

Name: CARL JEFFREY RECTOR

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Well Location, or Facility Information (if applicable):

API Number: 05- -00

Facility or Location ID: 259533

Name: VISINTAINER FEDERAL

Number: 1-12

QtrQtr: NWSW Sec: 1

Twp: 8N

Range: 91W

Meridian: 6

County: MOFFAT

ALLEGED VIOLATION

Rule: 210.b

Rule Description: Signs & Markers- Wells & Batteries

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 210.b., within 60 days after the completion of a well or the installation of a battery, Argali Exploration Company ("Operator") shall install permanent signage at the wellhead and/or battery. This signage shall provide, among other required information, the name of Operator, a phone number at which Operator can be reached at all times, and a phone number for local emergency services (911 where available).

During an inspection of Operator's Visintainer Federal #1-12 (Facility ID 259533, "Well") location on August 1, 2018, COGCC Staff observed that the signage at the Well and/or associated battery had inaccurate information and did not include a phone number at which Operator can be reached at all times. (Field Inspection Report No. 689801485).

COGCC Staff required Operator to modify the signage to include emergency contact information as required by September 3, 2018. During the follow up inspection on September 11, 2018, COGCC Staff observed that the signage still did not include a phone number at which Operator can be reached at all times. (Field Inspection Report No. 689801638).

Operator failed to install permanent signage with the required information at the Well and/or battery, violating Rule 210.b.

Abatement or Corrective Action Required to be Performed by Operator:

Corrective Action Due Date: 04/12/2019

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

Operator shall install signage at the Well and/or battery including a phone number at which Operator can be reached at all times, and a phone number for local emergency services (911 where available), and all other information required by Rule 210.b

By the corrective action due date, Operator shall submit an eForm 4 Sundry Notice which provides photograph evidence of the updated signage. Operator shall include an explanation of how Operator will ensure the required signage at the Well location will be kept up to date, and how Operator will ensure that the posted phone number will reach Operator at all times.

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.

NOAV ISSUED

NOAV Issue Date: 03/13/2019

COGCC Representative Signature: 

COGCC Representative: Kira Gillette

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ATTACHMENT LIST

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

<u>Document Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
401970043	NOAV COVER LETTER
401970044	NOAV CERTIFIED MAIL RECEIPT

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