



COLORADO
Oil & Gas Conservation
Commission
Department of Natural Resources



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September 16, 2019

Stehle Oil Company
Attn: Cary Stehle
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Craig, CO 81626

Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested
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RE: Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission Order No. 1V-693
Termination of Operator No. 82440
Rescission of Form 1, Registration for Oil and Gas Operations

Dear Mr. Stehle:

This letter is an informational notice regarding Order No. 1V-693 (“Order”) of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (“Commission”) and the Director’s actions pursuant to the Order.

The Order was entered by the Commission on August 1, 2019, and mailed to Stehle Oil Company (“Stehle”) on August 8, 2019. A courtesy copy of the Order is enclosed. The Order required Stehle to pay a \$202,650 penalty within 30 days after the Order was mailed by the Commission, by August 31, 2019. The Commission has not received the penalty payment as of the date of this letter.

In light of Stehle’s failure to comply with the Order, effective immediately:

1. The Director has terminated Stehle’s Operator Number (No. 82440), rescinded Stehle’s Form 1 (Doc. No. 831027), and revoked Stehle’s right to conduct oil and gas operations in Colorado.
2. The Director has claimed all of Stehle’s equipment, saleable product, and appurtenances related to Stehle’s operations, subject to any existing and valid liens, security interests, or other legal interests. Any removal of equipment or appurtenances by Stehle or other parties without authorization may have legal implications.



3. The Director has foreclosed Stehle's existing financial assurance, Surety ID's 1999-0070; 1999-0071; 2012-0029; 2012-0030; 2013-0040; and 2013-0041, and claimed both the principal and any accrued, but undisbursed, interest that exists.

If Stehle fails to comply with the above, the Commission will seek additional remedies as provided in the Oil and Gas Conservation Act, §34-60-101 *et seq*, C.R.S. ("Act"), the Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, 2 CCR 404-1, and other state law.

The Commission will continue to inspect and monitor Stehle's former locations to protect public welfare and the environment. The Commission will not tolerate threats or violent behavior by anyone toward a Commission employee or contractor. For more information, see the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Administrative Order DNR 11-01, Workplace Violence, Including Domestic Violence Affecting the Workplace (revised January 1, 2016).

Sincerely,



Jeff Robbins
Acting Director

Enclosure

By Email CC:

Margaret Ash, COGCC Field Inspection Manager
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Wendy Schultz, COGCC Finance Manager
Jeremy Ferrin, COGCC Enforcement Supervisor

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

On September 16, 2019, a true and correct copy of the letter regarding Order No. 1V-693, along with a copy of the order, was mailed by certified mail to the following:

Stehle Oil Company
Attn: Cary Stehle
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By _____

Steven Mah
Enforcement Officer