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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: 10342

Name of Operator: WOODARD\* SANDRA K

Address: 602 OURAY AVENUE

City: GRAND JUNCTION State: CO Zip: 81501

Contact Name and Telephone:

Name: SANDRA WOODARD

Phone: (970) 216-6589 Fax: ( )

Email: 3oilwells@gmail.com

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

API Number: 05- -00

Facility or Location ID: 229445

Name: STAGNER

Number: 2

QtrQtr: NWSW Sec: 35

Twp: 2N

Range: 102W

Meridian: 6

County: RIO BLANCO

### ALLEGED VIOLATION

Rule: 912.b

Rule Description: Venting or Flaring Natural Gas - Notice and Prior Approval Required

Initial Discovery Date: 09/06/2019

Was this violation self-reported by the operator? No

Date of Violation: 09/06/2019

Approximate Time of Violation:

Was this a discrete violation of obvious duration? Unknown

Description of Alleged Violation:

Pursuant to Rule 912.b., except for gas flared or vented during an upset condition, well maintenance, well stimulation flowback, purging operations, or a productivity test, gas from a well shall be flared or vented only after Woodard\* Sandra K ("Operator"), has been given and approval obtained from the Director on a Sundry Notice, Form 4, stating the estimated volume and content of the gas.

During an inspection on September 6, 2019 (FIR document # 679705372), COGCC staff detected a gas odor approximately 40 feet from the wellhead at Operator's facility. Staff observed the well casing open to the atmosphere and covered the well casing with a 3 cubic foot bag, which filled within 7 minutes.

During a follow-up inspection on February 24, 2020 (FIR document # 700400164), COGCC staff detected a gas odor and observed Operator's well casing remained open to the atmosphere.

During a follow-up inspection on May 17, 2020 (FIR document # 700401513), COGCC staff observed the Operator's well casing remained open to the atmosphere. An infrared camera was used to record the gas venting (FIR video # 700401515 & 700401516).

Operator vented gas from an open well casing without obtaining approval, violating Rule 912.b.

Abatement or Corrective Action Required to be Performed by Operator:

Corrective Action Due Date:

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

Operator shall lockout the well as soon as possible, but no later than seven (7) days after receipt of this NOAV.

Operator shall cease venting from the open well casing as soon as possible, but no later than seven (7) days after receipt of this NOAV.

**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: 08/07/2020

COGCC Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**ATTACHMENT LIST**

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