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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: 10695
Name of Operator: BEHRENS RESOURCES INC
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Well Location, or Facility Information (if applicable):

API Number: 05-005-06345-00 Facility or Location ID:
Name: REEVES Number: 28-31
QtrQtr: NWNE Sec: 28 Twp: 4S Range: 62W Meridian: 6
County: ARAPAHOE

ALLEGED VIOLATION

Rule: 309

Rule Description: Operator's Monthly Report of Operations

Initial Discovery Date: 12/11/2020
Date of Violation: 03/15/2020

Was this violation self-reported by the operator? No

Approximate Time of Violation:

Was this a discrete violation of obvious duration? Unknown

Description of Alleged Violation:

Pursuant to Rule 309.a, Behrens Resources, Inc. ("Operator") is required to submit Form 7 for all existing oil and gas wells that are not plugged and abandoned, within 45 days after the end of each month. Operator is required to report the well every month from the month it is spud until it has been reported for one month as abandoned. Operator is required to report each formation that is completed in a well every month from the time that it is completed until one month after abandonment.

Based on COGCC records, Operator has not filed a Form 7, Monthly Report of Operations, since December 2018, violating Rule 309.a.

Abatement or Corrective Action Required to be Performed by Operator: Corrective Action Due Date: 01/15/2021

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

Operator shall submit any delinquent forms, notices, or reports; and correct any incomplete or inaccurate reports. Confirm that all required Form 7s are submitted, accurate, and up-to-date.

Rule: 326.b

Rule Description: Shut-in Wells

Initial Discovery Date: 12/11/2020

Was this violation self-reported by the operator? No

Date of Violation: 04/01/2019

Approximate Time of Violation: _____

Was this a discrete violation of obvious duration? Unknown

Description of Alleged Violation:

Pursuant to Rule 326.b., Behrens Resources, Inc. ("Operator") is required to conduct an Mechanical Integrity Test ("MIT") on shut-in ("SI") wells within two years of the initial shut-in date and then at five (5) year intervals after an initial successful MIT.

According to COGCC Records, Operator's well has been Shut-In since April 2017 without an MIT being conducted, violating Rule 326.b.

Abatement or Corrective Action Required to be Performed by Operator:

Corrective Action Due Date: 01/15/2021

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

If the Well is SI but Operator has not conducted an initial MIT or a follow-up five year MIT, then Operator shall conduct an MIT on the Well or plug and abandon the Well.

Rule 316B requires notice to the Director on a Form 42, Field Operations Notice at least ten (10) days prior to conducting an MIT and submission of MIT results (successful or not) on a Form 21, within thirty (30) days after the test. If an MIT is not witnessed by COGCC staff, a pressure chart must accompany this Form 21 report.

If the Well lacks mechanical integrity, Rule 326.f. requires the Operator to make repairs or plug and abandon within the timeframe prescribed by Rule 326.f.1.

Rule 311 requires Operator to submit a Form 6, Notice of Intent to Abandon, and secure Director approval prior to plugging and abandonment of a well and to submit a Form 6, Subsequent Report of Abandonment, within 30 days after plugging and abandonment of the well has been completed.

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. An answer will, at a minimum, discuss the allegations contained in the NOAV, responding to each; identify corrective actions taken in response to the NOAV, if any; and identify facts known to the operator at the time that are relevant to the operator's response to the alleged violations. 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: 12/16/2020

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