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NOTICE OF ALLEGED VIOLATION - ISSUED

Per Rule 523, 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 525, 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: 900

Name of Operator: ALAMOSA DRILLING INC

Address: 8150 N. CENTRAL EXPY - STE 750

City: DALLAS State: TX Zip: 75205-1832

Contact Name and Telephone:

Name: TODD MOORE

Phone: (214) 368-6700 Fax: ()

Email: kiowagas@sbcglobal.net

Well Location, or Facility Information (if applicable):

API Number: 05-007-06256-00

Facility or Location ID:

Name: MARTINEZ

Number: 1A

QtrQtr: NWNE Sec: 19

Twp: 32N Range: 1E

Meridian: N

County: ARCHULETA

ALLEGED VIOLATION

Rule: 326.b

Rule Description: Shut-in Wells

Initial Discovery Date: 06/02/2021

Was this violation self-reported by the operator? No

Date of Violation: 11/01/2019

Approximate Time of Violation:

Was this a discrete violation of obvious duration? Yes

Description of Alleged Violation:

Pursuant to prior Rule 326.b.(1), now Rule 417.b.(1), Alamosa Drilling, Inc. ("Operator") is required to have all shut-in ("SI") wells pass a Mechanical Integrity Test ("MIT") within two (2) years of the initial SI date.

During an inspection of Operator's Martinez 1A well on June 2, 2021 (document no. 700300159), COGCC staff determined the Martinez 1A well status is SI. Staff observed the tank gauge mechanisms and confirmed using an FLIR thermal imaging camera indicating Operator's tanks were empty. COGCC staff conducted an audit of Operator's records and determined that the well has been reported as SI since October 2017. Staff required Operator to perform a successful MIT or properly plug and abandon the well as a corrective action by July 7, 2021.

Operator submitted an FIR Resolution Form ("FIRR") on September 23, 2021 (document no. 402821357), confirming the well as SI and indicating an MIT has not been conducted due to issues with rig/personnel availability.

Operator failed to conduct an MIT on the Martinez 1A well within two (2) years of the initial SI date, violating prior Rule 326.b.(1), now Rule 417.b.(1).

Abatement or Corrective Action Required to be Performed by Operator:

Corrective Action Due Date: 11/02/2021

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

Operator shall immediately conduct a successful MIT or plug and abandon the well.

PENALTY


Penalties for violations alleged in this NOAV will be calculated pursuant to Rule 525, with daily penalties accruing pursuant to Section 34-60-121(1), C.R.S.

ANSWER

Pursuant to Rule 523.c.(2), the operator must file an Answer to this NOAV within 28 days of its receipt, or a default judgment may be entered. Answers are filed by email to dnr_cogccenforcement@state.co.us.

NOAV ISSUED

NOAV Issue Date: 11/02/2021

COGCC Representative Signature: 

COGCC Representative: Trent Lindley

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ATTACHMENT LIST

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