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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: 05-007-06116-00

Facility or Location ID:

Name: NIELSEN

Number: 3

QtrQtr: NWNE Sec: 18

Twp: 32N Range: 1E

Meridian: N

County: ARCHULETA

ALLEGED VIOLATION

Rule: 903.

Rule Description: Venting or Flaring Natural Gas

Initial Discovery Date: 06/02/2021

Was this violation self-reported by the operator? No

Date of Violation: 06/02/2021

Approximate Time of Violation:

Was this a discrete violation of obvious duration? Unknown

Description of Alleged Violation:

Pursuant to Rule 903., Venting and Flaring of natural gas represent waste of an important energy resource and pose safety and environmental risks. Venting and Flaring, except as specifically allowed in this Rule 903, are prohibited.

During an inspection of Alamosa Drilling, Inc.'s ("Operator") Nielsen #3 well, on June 2, 2021 (document no. 700300157), COGCC staff detected gas odor from the well and confirmed, using an FLIR camera (document no. 700300161 - mislabeled), gas venting from the well. Separately, staff observed gas venting from the thief hatch (FLIR video obtained on the date of inspection but not attached to Field Inspection Report No. 700300157. This video will be disclosed upon request).

Operator vented gas from the well and thief hatch without COGCC approval, violating Rule 903.

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 cease venting at the well location.

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

Title: NOAV Specialist

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ATTACHMENT LIST

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

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