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NOTICE OF ALLEGED VIOLATION - RESOLVED

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: <u>900</u>	Contact Name and Telephone:
Name of Operator: <u>ALAMOSA DRILLING INC</u>	Name: <u>TODD MOORE</u>
Address: <u>8150 N. CENTRAL EXPY - STE 750</u>	Phone: <u>(214) 368-6700</u> Fax: <u>()</u>
City: <u>DALLAS</u> State: <u>TX</u> Zip: <u>75205-1832</u>	Email: <u>kiowagas@sbcglobal.net</u>

Well Location, or Facility Information (if applicable):

API Number: 05-007-06117-00 Facility or Location ID: _____
Name: NIELSEN Number: 4
QtrQtr: NENE 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 #4 well, on June 2, 2021 (document no. 700300158), COGCC staff observed casing gas audibly venting from the well and confirmed, using an FLIR camera (document no. 700300165), gas venting from the well.

Operator vented gas from the well 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

Email: trent.lindley@state.co.us

Phone Num: (303) 894-2100 x5143

CORRECTIVE ACTION COMPLETED

Rule: 903.

Rule Description: Venting or Flaring Natural Gas

Corrective Action Start Date: _____

Corrective Action Complete Date: _____

Has corrective action for this violation been performed as required? No

Description of Actual Corrective Action Performed by Operator

Closed pursuant to AOC No. 782.

FINAL RESOLUTION

Cause #: 1v

Order #: 782

Docket #: 210400028

Enforcement Action: Administrative Order of Consent

Final Resolution Date: 03/11/2022

Final Resolution Comments:

Closed pursuant to AOC No. 782.

ATTACHMENT LIST

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