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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: 34720

Name of Operator: GORDON ENGINEERING INC

Address: PO BOX 3525

City: GRAND JUNCTION State: CO Zip: 81502

Contact Name and Telephone:

Name: JOHN I GORDON

Phone: (720) 318-2561 Fax: ()

Email: travis.gordon.usmc@gmail.com

Well Location, or Facility Information (if applicable):

API Number: 05-103-08264-00

Facility or Location ID:

Name: FEDERAL

Number: 9-3

QtrQtr: NWNE Sec: 9

Twp: 2S

Range: 101W

Meridian: 6

County: RIO BLANCO

ALLEGED VIOLATION

Rule: 326.b

Rule Description: Shut-in Wells

Initial Discovery Date: 08/04/2022

Was this violation self-reported by the operator? No

Date of Violation: 01/31/2022

Approximate Time of Violation:

Was this a discrete violation of obvious duration? Unknown

Description of Alleged Violation:

Pursuant to Rule 326.b., now Rule 417.b., Gordon Engineering, 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.

COGCC staff conducted an audit of COGCC records for the Federal #9-3 well on August 4, 2022, and determined that it has been SI since January 2020 without an MIT being conducted.

COGCC staff issued a Warning Letter on March 2, 2022 (document no. 402971754), for the Federal #9-3 well, requiring Operator to conduct a successful MIT on the well or plug and abandon the well. As of August 19, 2022, no MIT has been conducted on the well nor has the well been plugged and abandoned.

Operator failed to conduct an MIT on the Federal #9-3 well within two years of the initial SI date, violating Rule 326.b., now Rule 417.b.

Abatement or Corrective Action Required to be Performed by Operator:

Corrective Action Due Date: 09/21/2022

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

Operator shall conduct a successful MIT on the Federal #9-3 well and submit results on a Form 21, within 30 days after the test 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: 08/22/2022

COGCC Representative Signature: 

COGCC Representative: Trent Lindley

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ATTACHMENT LIST

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