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## Energy & Carbon Management Commission

Department of Natural Resources

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### WARNING LETTER # 404668747

05/21/2026

PLUG NICKEL OIL COMPANY INC (# 10556)

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NATE SPRINGS 3 (API# 103-09822)

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**This Warning Letter is to inform you that PLUG NICKEL OIL COMPANY INC (“Operator”) may be in violation of the rules and regulations of the Colorado Energy and Carbon Management Commission (“ECMC”) and corrective action is required.**

ECMC has reasonable cause to believe that Operator has committed one or more violations of the Oil and Gas Conservation Act, or of a rule, regulation, or order of the Commission, or of a permit issued by the Commission. Operator is required to comply with this Warning Letter by the **Corrective Action Deadline Date(s)** to resolve the alleged violation(s). Failure to do so will result in the issuance of a Notice of Alleged Violation and initiation of enforcement proceedings in which ECMC will seek monetary penalties for the alleged violations pursuant to § 34-60-121, C.R.S. and Rule 525, ECMC Rules of Practice and Procedure, 2 CCR 404-1.

#### **Alleged Violation(s) and Required Corrective Action(s):**

##### 434.c. Plugging Inactive Wells

Violation Date: 05/30/2025

Violation Discovery Date: 05/14/2026

Description of Alleged Violation: Operator is receiving this letter because, based on ECMC records, ECMC has reason to believe the Well(s) indicated above and/or in the attached table presents one or more compliance issues. Operator should review its records to verify if any Form 6, Well Abandonment Reports, are outstanding for the Well. Pursuant to Rule 434.c., (1) Operator is required to Plug and Abandon a Well within 6 months of a Well becoming Inactive, unless the Operator: A. Brings the Well back to production so that it is no longer an Inactive Well; B. Files a Form 5B, Inactive Well Notice and provides Single Well Financial Assurance via a Form 3A, Financial Assurance, if required by the Operator's Financial Assurance Plan's requirements related to Low Producing Wells; or C. Files a Form 6A, Out of Service Designation, to designate the Well as Out of Service pursuant to Rule 434.d.

Required Corrective Action: After successfully testing the Well for mechanical integrity pursuant to Rule 417.f., the Well must be returned to production by the Corrective Action date. If a Well will not be returned to production, operator may: 1. successfully test the Well for mechanical integrity pursuant to Rule 417.f., and file a Form 5B and provide Single Well Financial Assurance via a Form 3A by the Corrective Action date, or 2. plug the Well either per the schedule provided by an approved Form 6A or, absent a Form 6A, by the Corrective Action date.

Corrective Action Deadline Date: 08/22/2026



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### **How to Comply with Warning Letter:**

Operator shall complete the Required Corrective Action(s) above within the deadline(s) provided. Upon completion of the Corrective Action(s), Operator shall provide notice and evidence of completion to the ECMC staff identified below by the Corrective Action Deadline Date(s):

ECMC Representative: Greager, Meredith

Title: Engineering QA Specialist

Phone Num: (720) 830-4175x

If you have any questions about this Warning Letter, please contact the ECMC Representative identified above.

### **Failure to Comply with Warning Letter:**

If Operator fails to perform Required Corrective Action(s) on or before the Corrective Action Deadline Date(s) stated above ECMC will issue a Notice of Alleged Violation and seek penalties pursuant to § 34-60-121, C.R.S. and Rule 525, ECMC Rules of Practice and Procedure, 2 CCR 404-1.

### **Disclaimers:**

If the alleged violation(s) in this Warning Letter are the subject of previously issued Notice(s) of Alleged Violation ("NOAV") or Enforcement Order(s) ("Order"), Operator's obligations and the corrective actions and deadlines in such NOAV or Order stand and are not affected by this Warning Letter.

If issued in error, the Enforcement Unit reserves the right to rescind this Warning Letter prior to the ECMC Representative's receipt of Operator's notice and evidence of completion of the Corrective Action.

All well data, rules and forms are available on our website at [www.colorado.gov/ecmc](http://www.colorado.gov/ecmc).

Sincerely,

Greager, Meredith  
Engineering QA Specialist

### **Attachments**

View Attachments in Imaged Documents on ECMC website <http://ecmcweblink.state.co.us/> Search by Document Number.

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