



05/16/2011

200310272

*** NOTICE OF ALLEGED VIOLATION ***

OGCC Operator Number: 10079
Name of Operator: ANTERO RESOURCES PICEANCE CORPORATION
Address: 1625 17TH ST STE 300
City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202
Company Representative: JERRY ALBERTS

Date Notice Issued:

05/16/2011

Well Name: HOFFMEISTER "A" PAD Well Number: Facility Number: 311683
Location (QtrQtr, Sec, Twp, Rng, Meridian): NWNE 12 6 S 93 W S County: GARFIELD
API Number: 05 Lease Number:

COGCC Representative: BAROUMAND SORAYA Phone Number: 970 876-9910

THE FOLLOWING ALLEGED VIOLATION WAS FOUND BY THE COGCC REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE SITE LISTED

Date of Alleged Violation: 04/21/2011 Approximate Time of Violation:
Description of Alleged Violation:
On 04/21/2011, COGCC staff conducted a site inspection to investigate a complaint (Document # 200308971) alleging inadequate interim reclamation. The following issues were identified:
Four surface conductors have been set and Applications to Drill (APDs) expired November, 10, 2010. Interim reclamation (consisting of surface compact alleviation and revegetation of disturbed areas no longer needed), has not commenced within the three month regulatory time frame for croplands.
Conductors did not have welded coverings in place, per COGCC's policy of Procedures for Setting Conductor Pipe.

Act, Order, Regulation, Permit Conditions Cited:

1003.b.c., and COGCC Notice to Operators; Procedures for Setting Conductor Pipe, April 6, 2006 (see attached).

Abatement or Corrective Action Required to be Performed by Operator:

Submit a Form 4 Sundry Notice with schedule for interim reclamation by May 26, 2011. Form to include description of methods to be used for compaction alleviation, re-contouring, determination of seed mix, weed management planning, description of stormwater BMPs, and proposed method for pad stabilization. Initiate interim reclamation by May 31, 2011. Install welded caps on conductors by May 26, 2011.

Abatement or Corrective Action to be Completed by (date): 05/31/2011

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

TO BE COMPLETED BY OPERATOR - When alleged violation is corrected, sign this notice and return to above address:

Company Representative Name: Cole Kilstrom Title: Env. Specialist
Signature: [Signature] Date: 6/28/11
Company Comments: See attached Form 4 "NOAV Response"

*** THIS NOTICE CONSTITUTES A SEPARATE NOTICE OF ALLEGED VIOLATION FOR EACH VIOLATION LISTED ***

WARNING

Abatement and reporting time frames for Notices of Alleged Violation begin upon receipt of the Notice or five days after the date it is mailed, whichever is earlier. Each violation must be abated within the prescribed time upon receipt of this Notice, reported to the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission at the address shown above, and postmarked on or later than the next business day after the prescribed time for abatement. Should abatement or corrective action fail to occur, the Director may make application to the Commission for an Order Finding Violation. Proper and timely abatement does not necessarily preclude the assessment of penalties and an Order Finding Violation.

PENALTY PROPOSED BY THE DIRECTOR PER RULE 523

The Director may propose a penalty as listed in the table below. For each violation, the penalty amount will be limited to \$10,000.00 per violation if the violation does not result in significant waste of oil and gas resources, damage to correlative rights, or a significant adverse impact on public health, safety, or welfare. Such proposed penalty amount may be increased if aggravating factors indicate the violation: was intentional or reckless; had, or threatened to have, a significant negative impact on public health, safety, or welfare; resulted in significant waste of oil and gas resources; had a significant negative impact on correlative rights of other parties; resulted in, or threatened to result in, significant loss or damage to public or private property; involved recalcitrance or recidivism upon the part of the violator; involved intentional false reporting or record keeping; resulted in economic benefit to the violator. Such proposed penalty amount may be decreased if mitigating factors indicate the violator: self-reported; promptly, effectively and prudently responded to the violation; cooperated with the Commission or other agencies with respect to the violation; could not reasonably control, or be responsible for, the cause of the violation; made a good faith effort to comply with applicable requirements prior to the Commission learning of the violation; had any economic benefit reduced or eliminated due to the cost of correcting the violation; has demonstrated a history of compliance with Commission rules, regulations and orders. The Commission has final authority over the penalty amount assessed.

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BASE FINE \$250.00 PER DAY PER VIOLATION: RULES 210, 301, 311, 312, 313, 314A, 315, 403, 405, 503, 504
BASE FINE \$500.00 PER DAY PER VIOLATION: RULES 205, 300, 307, 328, 329, 330, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341A, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 333, 404, 502, 503, 504, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 711, 802, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1101, 1102, 1103
BASE FINE \$750.00 PER DAY PER VIOLATION: RULES 205, 301, 303, 305, 306, 310B, 317, 317A, 318, 319, 320, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 333, 404, 502, 503, 504, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 711, 802, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1101, 1102, 1103
BASE FINE \$1,000.00 PER DAY PER VIOLATION: RULES 205, 301, 303, 305, 306, 310B, 317, 317A, 318, 319, 320, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 333, 404, 502, 503, 504, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 711, 802, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1101, 1102, 1103

In accordance with Rule 323.2(4), fines for violations for which no base fine is listed shall be determined by the Commission at its discretion.

Signature of COGCC Representative: [Signature] Date: 05/16/2011 Time: 8:00AM
Resolution Approved by: [Signature] Date: 1:30 pm

State of Colorado
Oil and Gas Conservation Commission

1120 Lincoln Street, Suite 801, Denver, Colorado 80203 Phone: (303)894-2100 Fax: (303)894-2109



SUNDRY NOTICE

Submit original plus one copy. This form is to be used for general, technical and environmental sundry information. For proposed or completed operations, describe in full on Technical Information Page (Page 2 of this form.) Identify well or other facility by API Number or by OGCC Facility ID. Operator shall send an informational copy of all sundry notices for wells located in High Density Areas to the Local Government Designee (Rule 603b.)

1. OGCC Operator Number: 10079	4. Contact Name: Gerard G. Alberts	Complete the Attachment Checklist OP OGCC
2. Name of Operator: Antero Resources Corporation	Phone: 303-357-7341	
3. Address: 1625 17TH ST STE 300 City: DENVER State: CO Zip: 80202	Fax: 303-357-7315	
5. API Number 05- N/A	OGCC Facility ID Number #311683	Survey Plat
6. Well/Facility Name: Hoffmeister A Pad	7. Well/Facility Number Hoffmeister A	Directions: Survey
8. Location (Qtr/Sec, Twp, Rng, Meridian): NWNE Sec 12, T6S, R93W		Surface Eqpm Diagram
9. County: Garfield County	10. Field Name: Mamm Creek	Technical Info Page <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11. Federal, Indian or State Lease Number:		Other

General Notice

<input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE OF LOCATION: Attach New Survey Plat (a change of surface qtr/qtr is substantive and requires a new permit)	
Change of Surface Footage from Exterior Section Lines:	<input type="checkbox"/> FNL/FSL <input type="checkbox"/> FEL/FWL
Change of Surface Footage to Exterior Section Lines:	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Change of Bottomhole Footage from Exterior Section Lines:	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Change of Bottomhole Footage to Exterior Section Lines:	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> attach directional survey
Bottomhole location Qtr/Sec, Twp, Rng, Mer	
Latitude	Distance to nearest property line
Longitude	Distance to nearest lease line
Ground Elevation	Distance to nearest well same formation
	Distance to nearest bldg, public rd, utility or RR
	Is location in a High Density Area (rule 603b)? Yes/No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Surface owner consultation date:
GPS DATA:	
Date of Measurement	PDOP Reading Instrument Operator's Name
<input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE SPACING UNIT	<input type="checkbox"/> Remove from surface bond
Formation Formation Code Spacing order number Unit Acreage Unit configuration	Signed surface use agreement attached
<input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE OF OPERATOR (prior to drilling):	<input type="checkbox"/> CHANGE WELL NAME NUMBER
Effective Date:	From:
Plugging Bond: <input type="checkbox"/> Blanket <input type="checkbox"/> Individual	To:
	Effective Date:
<input type="checkbox"/> ABANDONED LOCATION:	<input type="checkbox"/> NOTICE OF CONTINUED SHUT IN STATUS
Was location ever built? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Date well shut in or temporarily abandoned:
Is site ready for inspection? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Has Production Equipment been removed from site? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Date Ready for Inspection:	MIT required if shut in longer than two years. Date of last MIT
<input type="checkbox"/> SPUD DATE:	<input type="checkbox"/> REQUEST FOR CONFIDENTIAL STATUS (6 mos from date casing set)
<input type="checkbox"/> SUBSEQUENT REPORT OF STAGE, SQUEEZE OR REMEDIAL CEMENT WORK	
Method used Cementing tool setting/perf depth Cement volume Cement top	*submit cbl and cement job summaries
	Cement bottom Date
<input type="checkbox"/> RECLAMATION: Attach technical page describing final reclamation procedures per Rule 1004.	
Final reclamation will commence on approximately <input type="checkbox"/> Final reclamation is completed and site is ready for inspection.	

Technical Engineering/Environmental Notice

<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Intent	<input type="checkbox"/> Report of Work Done
Approximate Start Date:	Date Work Completed:
Details of work must be described in full on Technical Information Page (Page 2 must be submitted.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Intent to Recomplete (submit form 2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Request to Vent or Flare
<input type="checkbox"/> Change Drilling Plans	<input type="checkbox"/> Repair Well
<input type="checkbox"/> Gross Interval Changed?	<input type="checkbox"/> Rule 502 variance requested
<input type="checkbox"/> Casing/Cementing Program Change	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: NOAV Response
	<input type="checkbox"/> E&P Waste Disposal
	<input type="checkbox"/> Beneficial Reuse of E&P Waste
	<input type="checkbox"/> Status Update/Change of Remediation Plans
	for Spills and Releases

I hereby certify that the statements made in this form are, to the best of my knowledge, true, correct and complete.

Signed: Gerard G. Alberts
Print Name: Gerard G. Alberts

Date: 9-27-2011 Email: jalberts@anteroresources.com
Title: Manager, Environmental & Regulatory

COGCC Approved: _____ Title: _____ Date: _____

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL, IF ANY:

TECHNICAL INFORMATION PAGE



FOR OGCC USE ONLY

1. OGCC Operator Number: 10079 API Number: N/A
2. Name of Operator: Antero Resources Piceance Corp OGCC Facility ID # 311683
3. Well/Facility Name: Hoffmeister A Well/Facility Number: N/A
4. Location (QtrQtr, Sec, Twp, Rng, Meridian): NWNE Sec 12, T6S, R93W

This form is to be completed whenever a Sundry Notice is submitted requiring detailed report of work to be performed or completed. This form shall be transmitted within 30 days of work completed as a "subsequent" report and must accompany Form 4, page 1.

5. DESCRIBE PROPOSED OR COMPLETED OPERATIONS

In response to NOAV # 200310272 received by Antero on May 16, 2011, Antero Resources Piceance Corporation ("Antero") would like to inform the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("COGCC") that 4 steel caps have been welded on all 4 conductors at the Hoffmeister A Pad location. Each conductor pipe is sixteen inches in diameter (16") and set at a depth of sixty feet (60'). In addition, covers have been placed on top of all cellars, and a fence has been installed around the cellars. This was confirmed by Antero field staff on June 10th, and Antero representatives have verbally confirmed this to the COGCC on June 9th by David Simon.

Antero has not commenced interim reclamation on the Hoffmeister A pad, because the company has plans to drill on the Hoffmeister A Pad within the next few years. In fact, on June 20, 2011 Antero re-filed nine (9) applications for Permits to Drill at the Hoffmeister A Pad. These wells are the Hoffmeister A1, A2, A3, A4, A6, A7, A8, A10, and A13.

Given that Antero's drilling plans change on a regular basis due to results from exploration wells, economic strength of the gas market, and other planning variables, it is hard to determine when Antero will drill on the Hoffmeister A Pad. As such, Antero is requesting a variance from the COGCC Rule 1003.b. With this variance Antero will continue to keep the pad surface stabilized and maintain its stormwater BMP's. Similar to most of Antero's well pad locations, the Hoffmeister A Pad is on a 30 day stormwater inspection schedule that is conducted by a third party. Stormwater inspections focus on preventing discharges of sediment offsite. Each inspection is followed by an "Antero Daily Stormwater Contractor Work Order" which specifies issues related to our erosion and sediment controlling BMP's. Antero routinely follows-up on each work order until they have been closed out. As noted by Soraya on her April 25, 2011 inspection, "Location appeared to be stable with adequate erosion and stormwater controls, and has adequate protection of stockpiles topsoil." Antero will continue to maintain soil stabilization.