

**Re: COGCC Complaint #200445363 Bill Barrett Corp Sandy Hill Land Application**

1 message

**Allison - DNR, Rick** <rick.allison@state.co.us>  
To: Elaine Winick <woodmanswife69@gmail.com>  
Cc: "Axelson, John" <john.axelson@state.co.us>

Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 10:44 AM

Hello Mr. and Mrs. Winick,

I have received the laboratory analytical report for the two soil samples I collected from your property. The soil sample named SS-1, which was collected nearest the fence, contained total petroleum hydrocarbons - diesel range organics at a concentration of 1400 milligrams per kilogram (mg/kg), and an electrical conductivity (EC) of 6.1 millimhos per centimeter (mmhos/cm), both of which exceed COGCC's cleanup standards. The second soil sample, SS-2, collected slightly further south did not contain any contaminants in excess of the the COGCC cleanup standards.

COGCC will require Bill Barrett Corporation to cleanup the spilled drilling mud to our cleanup standards of 500 mg/kg total petroleum hydrocarbons, and less than 4 mmmhos/cm. Per COGCC's rules, Bill Barrett Corporation will be required to consult with you regarding the cleanup and any necessary reclamation.

Finally, Bill Barrett should not be hauling drilling cuttings or fluids to the location at this time and COGCC is preparing a violation notice to be sent to Bill Barrett Corporation in the coming weeks.

A summary of the analytical results and the complete laboratory analytical report for the soil samples that I collected from your property is attached for your review and records. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,  
Rick

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**c: Complaint #200445363 - CORRESPONDENCE**

On Fri, Jan 26, 2018 at 4:34 PM, Allison - DNR, Rick <[rick.allison@state.co.us](mailto:rick.allison@state.co.us)> wrote:  
Hello, Elaine.

I went to the Bill Barrett Sandy Hill Land Application site yesterday and conducted a site inspection. My findings confirm your complaint regarding drilling fluid running off and impacting your property, as well as the improper storage of drilling fluid on the on land application site itself. I have attached a copy of my site inspection and the pictures. I also collected two soil samples from your property to analyze for the presence of hydrocarbons, salt and metals that may be in the drilling fluid.

Regardless of the analytical results, the migration of drilling fluid onto your property constitutes a violation of COGCC Rule 906. I also observed other COGCC Rule violations at the land application site itself regarding the improper management of the drilling fluids and cuttings. The inspection requires Bill Barrett Corp to stop hauling drilling waste to the location until the site is brought into compliance. It also requires Bill Barrett to submit a Form 19 Spill/Release Report to COGCC for the unauthorized discharge of drilling fluids onto your property and to consult with you regarding restoration of your affected land.

Finally, COGCC intends to pursue a formal enforcement action and issue a Notice of Alleged Violation to Bill Barrett Corp and may ultimately assess a financial penalty.

I will keep you informed as we progress with our investigation. Please feel free to call me or email with any questions.

Kind Regards,  
Rick

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On Thu, Jan 25, 2018 at 11:13 AM, Elaine Winick <[woodmanswife69@gmail.com](mailto:woodmanswife69@gmail.com)> wrote:  
My husband Tim is going to give you a call.

On Jan 25, 2018 8:22 AM, "Allison - DNR, Rick" <[rick.allison@state.co.us](mailto:rick.allison@state.co.us)> wrote:  
Hello Elaine.

My name is Rick Allison and I will be investigating the complaint you field yesterday with COGCC. I would like to make a site visit today. Is there a time this afternoon when you will be available, or am I able to access your property. Please email or call me or you can call me at [970-461-2970](tel:970-461-2970) (office) [970-623-0850](tel:970-623-0850) (cell).

Thank you,  
Rick

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**2 attachments**

**AnalyticalSummaryWinick.pdf**  
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**1801317\_SUMMARY.pdf**  
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