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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: <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: 05-007-06116-00 Facility or Location ID: _____
Name: NIELSEN Number: 3
QtrQtr: NWNE Sec: 18 Twp: 32N Range: 1E Meridian: N
County: ARCHULETA

ALLEGED VIOLATION

Rule: 912.b
Rule Description: Venting or Flaring Natural Gas - Notice and Prior Approval Required

Initial Discovery Date: 06/08/2020 Was this violation self-reported by the operator? No
Date of Violation: 06/08/2020 Approximate Time of Violation: _____
Was this a discrete violation of obvious duration? Unknown

Description of Alleged Violation:

Pursuant to Rule 912.b., except for gas flared or vented during an upset condition, well maintenance, well stimulation flowback, purging operations, or a productivity test, Alamosa Drilling, Inc. ("Operator") shall flare or vent gas from a well only after Operator has given notice to and obtained approval from COGCC on a Sundry Notice ("Form 4") stating the estimated volume and content of the gas.

During an inspection on June 8, 2020 (document no. 700300041), COGCC staff detected gas odor from the well and confirmed, using a Forward-looking Infrared ("FLIR") camera, gas venting from the casing through a perforated plug.

During an inspection on June 4, 2021 (document no. 700300157), COGCC staff detected gas odor from the well and confirmed, using a FLIR camera, gas venting from the pipe fittings and valves.

Operator vented gas from the well's pipe fittings, valves, and casing through a perforated plug without COGCC approval, violating Rule 912.b.

Abatement or Corrective Action Required to be Performed by Operator: _____ Corrective Action Due Date: 07/14/2021

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: 06/14/2021

COGCC Representative Signature: 

COGCC Representative: Trent Lindley

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ATTACHMENT LIST

View Attachments in Imaged Documents on COGCC website (<http://ogccweblink.state.co.us/>) - Search by Document Number.

<u>Document Number</u>	<u>Description</u>

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