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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: 17180

Name of Operator: CITATION OIL & GAS CORP

Address: 14077 CUTTEN RD

City: HOUSTON State: TX Zip: 77069

Contact Name and Telephone:

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Well Location, or Facility Information (if applicable):

API Number: 05-063-06043-00

Facility or Location ID:

Name: HICKS B

Number: 1

QtrQtr: NENW Sec: 24

Twp: 11S Range: 45W

Meridian: 6

County: KIT CARSON

ALLEGED VIOLATION

Rule: 1004.a

Rule Description: Final Reclamation - Well Sites Reclamation

Initial Discovery Date: 07/10/2012

Was this violation self-reported by the operator? No

Date of Violation: 07/10/2012

Approximate Time of Violation:

Was this a discrete violation of obvious duration? Unknown

Description of Alleged Violation:

Pursuant to Rule 1004.a, Citation Oil and Gas Corp ("Operator") shall, upon the plugging and abandonment of a well, all debris, abandoned gathering line risers and flowline risers, and surface equipment shall be removed within three (3) months of plugging a well. All access roads to plugged and abandoned wells and associated production facilities shall be closed, graded and recontoured. Culverts and any other obstructions that were part of the access road(s) shall be removed. Well locations, access roads and associated facilities shall be reclaimed. As applicable, compaction alleviation, restoration, and revegetation of well sites, associated production facilities, and access roads shall be performed to the same standards as established for interim reclamation under Rule 1003. All such reclamation work shall be completed within three (3) months on crop land and twelve (12) months on non-crop land after plugging a well or final closure of associated production facilities.

COGCC staff conducted an inspection on July 10, 2012 (document no. 663901321) of the Hicks B#1 ("Location"), and observed surface equipment present and in the process of removal. COGCC Staff required Operator to remove equipment and reclaim the Location.

COGCC staff conducted follow-up inspections on April 24, 2013 (document no. 668600679), May 4, 2016 (document no. 682500727), August 14, 2018 (document no. 682503743) August 28, 2019 (document no. 696200702), August 11, 2020 (document no. 690200518), February 23, 2021 (document no. 693600378), and each time observed that the Location remained out of compliance with the requirements of Rule 1004.a. and corrective actions to remove oil and gas associated surface equipment. Staff observed the remaining surface equipment interfering with farming activities and crops failing to establish at the well site and areas where facilities previously existed.

Operator failed to remove Oil and Gas associated equipment from the Location and complete reclamation work, violating Rule 1004.a.

Abatement or Corrective Action Required to be Performed by Operator:

Corrective Action Due Date: 08/27/2022

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

Collaborate with the landowner to conduct reclamation and/or remediation if required, in a manner that does not interfere with agricultural activities or crop production. Conduct reclamation, including but not limited to, removal of surface equipment, decompaction, planting, etc., in accordance with Rule 1004.a.

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.

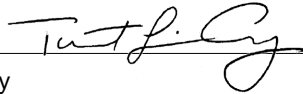
ANSWER

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: 07/28/2022

COGCC Representative Signature:



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ATTACHMENT LIST

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