



Department of Environmental Quality

*To protect, conserve and enhance the quality of Wyoming's
environment for the benefit of current and future generations.*



Matt Mead, Governor

John Corra, Director

January 7, 2011

Mr. Mike Gaviotis,
City of Rock Springs
2300 Sunset Drive
Rock Springs, WY 82901

RE: Notice of Violation

Mr. Mike Gaviotis:

Enclosed you will find a Notice of Violation (NOV) issued to City of Rock Springs by the Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, for odors from your Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 2300 Sunset Drive, Rock Springs Wyoming in Sweetwater County, Wyoming. These odor exceedances were observed during odor monitoring conducted by the Air Quality Division at your facility on October 11, 2010.

As the Department and this Division consider the failure to comply with air quality regulations to be a serious matter, I am considering recommending the Department refer this violation to the State Attorney General's office requesting a suit be filed in District Court to recover appropriate penalties.

If you would like to discuss settlement of this Notice of Violation prior to referral to the Attorney General's office, please contact Ms. Karen Godman, Air Quality Compliance Program Principal, at 307-777-8601 no later than ten (10) days after receipt of this letter.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me or Ms. Karen Godman.

Sincerely,

Steven A. Dietrich
Administrator
Air Quality Division

cc: Robert Gill
Tony Hoyt
Jennifer Frazier
Nancy Vehr
Keith Guille
Lou Harmon



**BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
STATE OF WYOMING**

IN THE MATTER OF THE NOTICE OF VIOLATION)	
ISSUED TO THE CITY OF ROCK SPRINGS.)	DOCKET NO. 4792-11
ROCK SPRINGS WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT)	
MR. MIKE GAVIOTIS,)	
2300 SUNSET DRIVE,)	
ROCK SPRINGS, WY 82901)	

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:

1. The Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality, has found the City of Rock Springs to be in violation of W.S. 35-11-201 of the Wyoming Environmental Quality Act and Chapter 2, Section 11 of the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations in the operation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 2300 Sunset Drive, Rock Springs Wyoming in Sweetwater County, Wyoming.

2. W.S. 35-11-201 of the Environmental Quality Act states, "No person shall cause, threaten or allow the discharge or emission of any air contaminant in any form so as to cause pollution which violates rules, regulations and standards adopted by the council."

3. Chapter 2, Section 11(a) of the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations states, "The ambient air standard for odors from any source shall be limited to: (i) An odor emission at the property line which is undetectable at seven dilutions with odor free air as determined by a scentometer as manufactured by the Barnebey-Cheney Company or any other instrument, device, or technique designated by the Division as producing equivalent results. The occurrence of odors shall be measured so that at least two measurements can be made within a period of one hour, these determinations being separated by at least 15 minutes."

4. On October 11, 2010 the Air Quality Division conducted odor monitoring at your Wastewater Treatment Plant. At 1:58 p.m. Ms. Jennifer Frazier, Air Quality Division Inspector, conducted odor monitoring at the sludge drying area. Odors were detected at a 31:1 dilution to threshold (D/T) level. Odor measurements were again collected at the sludge drying area at 2:14 p.m. with odors detected at a 170:1 D/T level. Odor monitoring continued until approximately 2:50 p.m. with various additional readings noted at or above the 7:1 dilution level.

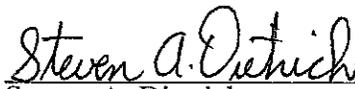
5. Said violation consists of odors from the City of Rock Springs at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in excess of that allowed by regulation in violation of W.S. 35-11-201 of the Wyoming Environmental Quality Act and Chapter 2, Section 11 of the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations.

6. Under W.S. 35-11-901(a), any person who violates any provision of Article 2 of [the Environmental Quality Act] ... or any rule, regulation, standard or permit adopted pursuant to those provisions, or who violates any determination or order of the council pursuant to Article 2 of [the Environmental Quality Act] ... is subject to a penalty not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for each violation for each day during which the violation continues, a temporary or permanent injunction, or both a penalty and an injunction.

7. This notice is being sent to you pursuant to W.S. 35-11-701(c), which requires that, in any case of the failure to correct or remedy an alleged violation, the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality shall cause a written notice to be issued and served upon the person alleged to be responsible.

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DATED this 7th day of JANUARY, 2011.



Steven A. Dietrich
Administrator
Air Quality Division



John Corra
Director
Department of Environmental Quality

Please direct all inquiries to Steven A. Dietrich, Administrator, Division of Air Quality, Department of Environmental Quality, Herschler Building, 2nd Floor, 122 W. 25th Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. (Telephone: 307/777-7393.)