



# Department of Environmental Quality

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



Matthew H. Mead, Governor

John Corra, Director

April 30, 2012

Pacificorp  
Mr. Robert Arambel  
1407 W. North Temple  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Re: Notice of Violation

Dear Mr. Arambel,

Enclosed you will find a Notice of Violation (NOV) issued to Pacificorp for the failure to comply with the Sulfuric Acid Mist emission limit of 0.004 lb/MMBtu as required by permit MD-12186. This was discovered through the Division's review of Pacificorp Jim Bridger Plant reports for performance tests of Units 1-4 performed March 12-16, 2012. These test results showed noncompliance with the 0.004 lb/MMBtu Sulfur Acid Mist limit for Unit 2. Noncompliance with the Sulfuric Acid Mist emission limit is a violation of Condition 6 of permit MD-12186.

As the Department and this Division consider the failure to comply with air quality permit conditions to be a serious matter, I am 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 issue prior to action on the referral by 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 Karen Godman.

Sincerely,

Steven A. Dietrich  
Administrator  
Air Quality Division

cc: Robert Gill, Tony Hoyt, Nancy Vehr, Keith Guille



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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE NOTICE OF VIOLATION )  
ISSUED TO PACIFICORP, ) DOCKET NO. 4994-12  
MR. ROBERT ARAMBEL, )  
1407 W. NORTH TEMPLE, )  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84116 )**

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:**

1. The Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality, has found Pacificorp to be in violation of permit MD-12186 issued in accordance with W.S. 35-11-801 of the Wyoming Environmental Quality Act and Chapter 6, Section 2 of the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations in the operation of the Jim Bridger Plant located in Sweetwater County, Wyoming.

2. W.S. 35-11-801 states, "In granting permits, the director may impose such conditions as may be necessary to accomplish the purpose of this act which are not inconsistent with the existing rules, regulations and standards."

3. Chapter 6, Section 2 of the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations prescribes the applicability and procedures for issuing permits to sources under Wyoming's construction and modification permitting program.

4. Permit MD-12186 was issued to Pacificorp on November 15, 2011. This permit is a modification to the Jim Bridger Plant, to modify permit requirements by incorporating a method for determining excess emissions of the 30-day rolling averages for carbon monoxide and sulfur dioxide that was previously used for nitrogen oxides. Also, to update permit language related to Plantwide Applicability Limits (PALs). Condition 6 establishes the limits for Units 1-3 for Sulfuric Acid Mist ( $H_2SO_4$ ) as 0.004 lb/MMBtu.

5. The Air Quality Division's review of Pacificorp Jim Bridger Plant test reports show noncompliance for Sulfuric Acid Mist during the March 12-16, 2012 performance testing. Unit 2 test results showed a result of 0.0121 lb/MMBtu.

6. Said violation consists of the failure to comply with the Sulfuric Acid Mist emission limit of 0.004 lb/MMBtu for Unit 2 as required by permit MD-12186.

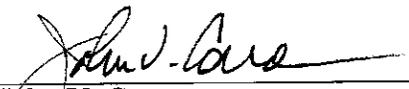
7. Under W.S. 35-11-901(a), any person who violates any provision of Article 2 of [the Environmental Quality Act] ... or any rule, regulation, standard or permit adopted pursuant to those provisions, or who violates any determination or order of the council pursuant to Article 2 of [the Environmental 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.

8. This notice is being sent to you pursuant to W.S. 35-11-701(c), which requires that, in any case of 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.

DATED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of ~~FEB~~ APRIL, 2012.



Steven A. Dietrich  
Administrator  
Air Quality Division



John V. 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)