# 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

Todd Parfitt, Director


November19, 2012

Mr. Bill Davis
President
Vector Minerals Corporation
8200 S. Quebec Street, #A3-243
Centennial, CO 80112

Re: Notice of Violation

Dear Mr. Davis:

Enclosed you will find a Notice of Violation (NOV) issued to Vector Minerals Corporation by the Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division for failing to obtain a construction permits prior to construction and operating the Fisher 1 production site located in Carbon County, Wyoming, Taylor Ranch 1-24 production site located in Johnson County, Wyoming and Isenhour Central Tank Battery located in Sublette County, Wyoming.

As the Department and this Division consider the failure to comply with air quality permitting requirements 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

Steven A. Dietrich
Administrator
Air Quality Division

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

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| **IN THE MATTER OF THE NOTICE OF VIOLATION** | ) | |
| **ISSUED TO VECTOR MINERALS CORPORATION** | ) | |
| **MR. BILL DAVIS, PRESIDENT** | ) | **DOCKET NO. 5091-12** |
| **8200 S. QUEBEC STREET, #A3-243,** | ) | |
| **CENTENNIAL, CO 80112** | ) | |

## NOTICE OF VIOLATION

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:**

1. The Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality, has found Vector Minerals Corporation to be in violation of W.S. 35-11-801(c) and Chapter 6, Section 2(a) of the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations in the operation of Fisher 1 production site located in Carbon County, Wyoming, Taylor Ranch 1-24 production site located in Johnson County, Wyoming and Isenhour Central Tank Battery located in Sublette County, Wyoming.

2. W.S. 35-11-801(c) states, "A permit to construct is required before the construction or modification of any industrial facility capable of causing or increasing air or water pollution in excess of standards established by the department is commenced."

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. Chapter 6, Section 2(a)(i) of the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations states, "Any person who plans to construct any new facility or source, modify any existing facility or source, or to engage in the use of which may cause the issuance of or an increase in the issuance of air contaminants into the air of this state shall obtain a construction permit from the State of Wyoming, Department of Environmental Quality, before any actual work is begun on the facility."

5. Inspections conducted on October 17 and 22, 2012, by Air Quality Division Engineers, noted the Fisher 1 production site located in Carbon County, Wyoming, Taylor Ranch 1-24 production site located in Johnson County, Wyoming and Isenhour Central Tank Battery located in Sublette County, Wyoming were operating. In addition, review of Wyoming Oil and Gas Commission data shows these facilities to be producing. Division data shows that no permit for these facilities was issued and permit applications for these facilities were placed on inactive status due to lack of information from Vector Minerals Corporation. These facilities are operating without a permit in violation of Chapter 6, Section 2 of the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations.

6. Said violation consists of the failure to obtain air quality permits for the Fisher 1 production site, Taylor Ranch 1-24 production site and Isenhour Central Tank Battery in violation of W.S. 35-11-801(c) of the Wyoming Environmental Quality Act and Chapter 6, Section 2(a) of the Wyoming Air Quality Standards and Regulations.

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 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.

**DATED** this 19th day of NOVEMBER 2012.

Steven A. Dietrich
Administrator
Air Quality Division

Todd Parfitt
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.)