



# 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

January 14, 2013

Mr. Ronald D. Truelove  
Environmental Manager  
Devon Energy Production Company  
20 North Broadway, Suite 1500  
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

RE: Notice of Violation

Dear Mr. Truelove:

Enclosed you will find a Notice of Violation (NOV) issued to Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. by the Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, for failing to comply with permit requirements for routing vapors to the flare and venting vapors at the East Echo Springs Compressor Station located in Carbon County, Wyoming. These are violations of permit MD-10189. These violations were observed by Mr. Jeff Hancock on September 26, 2010.

As the Department and this Division consider the failure to comply with air quality permit conditions 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 307-777-3774 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  
Chris Hanify  
Nancy Vehr  
Keith Guille



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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE NOTICE OF VIOLATION    )**  
**ISSUED TO DEVON ENERGY PRODUCTION CO. L.P. ) DOCKET NO. 5109-13**  
**MR. RONALD D. TRUELOVE                            )**  
**20 NORTH BROADWAY, SUITE 1500                )**  
**OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73102                        )**

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:**

1. The Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality, has found Devon Energy Production Company, L.P., to be in violation of permit MD-10189. This permit was 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 for the East Echo Springs Compressor Station located in Carbon County, Wyoming.

2. W.S. 35-11-801(a) 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-10189 was issued to Devon Energy Production Company, L.P. on August 16, 2010 for the East Echo Springs Compressor Station. Condition 19 requires control of emissions as follows:

"VOC and HAP emissions associated with the 400 bbl condensate storage tank shall be controlled with an enclosed flare..."

5. On September 26, 2012, Mr. Jeff Hancock, Air Quality Division Engineer/Inspector, observed that vapors were venting from the thief hatch. Venting vapors from the tank and not routing vapors to the flare are violations of condition 19 of permit MD-10189.

6. Said violations consist of venting vapors to the atmosphere from the tank and not routing vapors to the flare at the East Echo Springs Compressor Station. Venting vapors and not routing vapors to the flare are violations of permit MD-10189.

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 14<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY, 2013.



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.)