



Department of Environmental Quality



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

Dave Freudenthal, Governor

John Corra, Director

CERTIFIED MAIL

April 11, 2007

Stephen R. Monninger, Environmental Manager
Rock Well Petroleum, Inc.
7000 W. Yellowstone Hwy
Casper, WY 82604

RE: Notice of Violation, Docket Number 4050-07

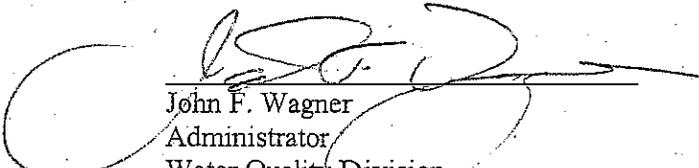
Dear Mr. Monninger:

Attached is a copy of a Notice of Violation, Docket Number 4050-07, issued to Rock Well Petroleum for violation of the Greybull Field Land Application permit 06-659.

The Water Quality Division has the authority to resolve violations with an out-of-court settlement agreement. If Rock Well Petroleum desires to pursue resolution of the previously noted violation through such an agreement, please contact Mr. Don McKenzie, Water and Wastewater Section Manager, in writing by May 1, 2007 to set up a meeting to discuss this matter. He can be contacted at Wyoming DEQ/WQD, Herschler Building, 4th Floor West, 122 West 25th Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002.



John V. Corra
Director
Department of Environmental Quality



John F. Wagner
Administrator
Water Quality Division

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BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
STATE OF WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF THE NOTICE OF)
VIOLATION ISSUED TO:)

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Environmental Manager)
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DOCKET NUMBER 4050-07

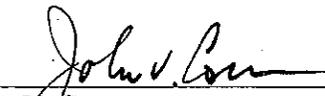
NOTICE OF VIOLATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:

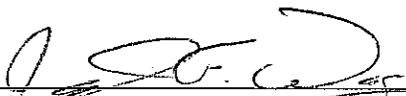
- 1 Rock Well Petroleum Inc. is the landowner and applicant for a DEQ land application permit at the Greybull site, located in the southwest quarter of Section 8 of Township 52 North, Range 93 West in Big Horn County, Wyoming.
- 2 On November 7, 2006 DEQ/WQD issued a land application permit number 06-659 to Rock Well Petroleum to land apply tunnel produced shallow groundwater (tunnel seepage) blended with surface water from a Dry Creek fed irrigation canal to forty-five acres of land owned by Rock Well.
- 3 On March 9, 2007 DEQ was notified by Big Horn County of an email complaint against Rock Well's Greybull facility. The referenced email was forwarded to DEQ that same day. Subsequently, a site visit of Rock Well's Greybull facility was made on March 14, 2007.
- 4 On March 14, 2007, DEQ inspected the Greybull facility and found Rock Well Petroleum had been discharging tunnel seepage water to the land surface. This violated Permit 06-659 Conditions 4 of 7 and 5 of 7, which state land application shall have the proper blending ratio between mine water and irrigation water and that land applications shall not be applied between November 1 and April 10.
- 5 Chapter 3 Section 5 Part c of the Water Quality Rules and Regulations requires the applicant to design, construct, operate and maintain the permitted facility in accordance to the approved application and permit conditions.
- 6 This Notice is being sent to you pursuant to W.S. 35-11-701(c)(i), which requires that in any case of the failure to correct or remedy an alleged violation, the Director of DEQ shall cause a written notice to be issued and served on the person alleged to be responsible.
- 7 Pursuant to Wyoming Statute 35-11-901(a), any person who violates, or any director, officer, or agent of a corporate permittee who willingly and knowingly authorizes, orders, or carries out the violation of any provision of the Environmental Quality Act (Act), or any rule, regulation, standard, or permit adopted hereunder or who violates any determination or order of the council pursuant to this act or any rule, regulation, standard, permit, license, or variance is subject to a penalty not to exceed ten thousand dollars and no cents (\$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. The penalty may be recovered in a civil action brought by the Attorney General in the name of the People of the State of Wyoming. Nothing herein shall preclude the department from negotiating stipulated settlements involving the payment of a penalty, implementation of compliance schedules or other settlement conditions, in lieu of litigation.

NOTHING IN THIS NOTICE OF VIOLATION (NOV) shall be interpreted to in any way limit or contravene any other remedy available under the Environmental Quality Act, nor shall this NOV be interpreted as being a condition precedent to any other enforcement action.

Signed this 19th day of April, 2007.



John V. Corra
Director
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PLEASE DIRECT ALL INQUIRIES TO: Don McKenzie, Water & Wastewater Section Manager, Wyoming DEQ WQD, Herschler Building, 4th Floor West, 122 West 25th Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Telephone 307-777-7075.

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