



# 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

**CERTIFIED MAIL**

February 11, 2011

**Muddy Mineral Exploration (Ameriwest Energy Corporation)  
Mr. Reed Merschat  
PO Box 459  
Casper, WY 82602**

**RE: Notice of Violation, Docket Number 4804-11**

Dear Mr. Merschat:

Attached is a Notice of Violation, Docket Number 4804-11, issued to Ameriwest Energy Corporation (Ameriwest), by the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Water Quality Division (WQD) for a violation of WYPDES permit WY0023540. Failure to submit Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) is a violation of the permit conditions. While neither the attached Notice of Violation nor this letter constitutes an order, this office strongly urges you to take action to immediately eliminate the alleged violations as follows:

1. Ameriwest should comply with WYPDES permit requirements for monitoring and reporting the discharge associated with the permitted facility. The DMRs should be completed and received by the DEQ on July 28 and January 28 following each 6 month monitoring period for the life of the permit.
2. Ameriwest should immediately submit the complete and accurate delinquent reports to the WQD. This information should be received by the WQD no later than 20 days from the date of this NOV.

**The WQD has the authority to resolve violations with an out-of-court settlement agreement through the payment of a penalty by Ameriwest.** If Ameriwest wishes to pursue resolution of the previously noted violations through such an agreement, please contact Kevin M. Wells, WYPDES Natural Resource Program Manager, at (307) 777-8669 within 21 days of the date of this letter to set up a meeting to discuss this matter.

John V. Corra  
Director  
Department of Environmental Quality

John F. Wagner  
Administrator  
Water Quality Division

Enclosure: Notice of Violation  
JVC/JFW/KMW/bb/11-0150

cc: David Gwisdalla, 8ENF-W-NP, EPA Region 8 (PDF)  
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**BEFORE THE**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**  
**STATE OF WYOMING**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE NOTICE OF )**  
**VIOLATION ISSUED TO: )**  
**)**  
**Ameriwest Energy Corporation )**  
**Attn: Muddy Mineral Exploration )**  
**PO Box 459 )**  
**Casper, WY 82602 )**  
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**DOCKET NUMBER 4804-11**

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

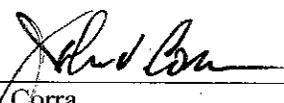
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:**

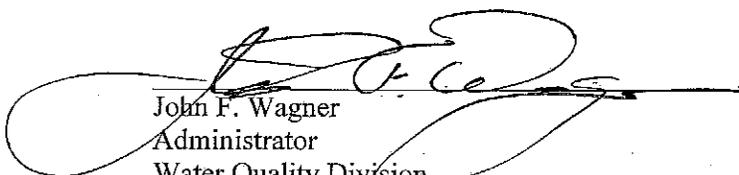
1. Ameriwest Energy Corporation (Ameriwest) is the operator of an oil production facility located in the NW ¼ of Section 27, in Township 33 North, Range 76 West in Converse County, Wyoming. WYPDES permit WY0023540 was renewed for this facility on December 4, 2007 and the previous owner was WYOIL Corporation.
2. Part I of the above referenced permit, under the Monitoring and Reporting Requirements, requires that effluent monitoring results obtained during the previous six month(s) shall be summarized and reported on a Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR). The DMRs are to be submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and postmarked no later than the 28<sup>th</sup> day of the month following the completed reporting period. To date the DEQ/Water Quality Division (WQD) has not received DMRs for the Second Semester 2010 and Annual 2010 monitoring periods.
3. DEQ has issued 2 previous Letters of Violation (LOV) to Ameriwest for failure to submit DMRs. Failure to submit DMRs is a violation of permit requirements.
- 4.. 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 the Department of Environmental Quality shall cause a written notice to be issued and served upon the person alleged to be responsible;
5. 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 DEQ from negotiating stipulated settlements involving the payment of a penalty, implementation of compliance schedules or other settlement conditions.

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**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 14 day of FEB, 2011.

  
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John V. Corra  
Director  
Department of Environmental Quality

  
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John F. Wagner  
Administrator  
Water Quality Division

**PLEASE DIRECT ALL INQUIRIES TO:** Kevin M. Wells, WYPDES Natural Resource Program Manager Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Division, Herschler Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor West, 122 West 25<sup>th</sup> Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Telephone 307-777-8669.

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