

BEFORE THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

IN THE MATTER OF ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF THE) CAUSE NO. 1V
RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE COLORADO OIL)
AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION BY **CARRIZO**) DOCKET NO. 150900332
NIORARA LLC, WELD COUNTY, COLORADO) TYPE: ENFORCEMENT

NOTICE AND APPLICATION FOR HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Pursuant to Rule 522.d, the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission ("Commission" or "COGCC") Staff will apply to the Commission at its September 14-15, 2015 hearing for an Order Finding Violation ("OFV") against **Carrizo Niobrara LLC** ("Carrizo") (Operator No. 10439). This Notice and Application is being served to adjudicate the allegations made in the below-described Notice of Alleged Violation ("NOAV"), the allegations of which are incorporated herein.

Carrizo is the operator of the O'Hare 1-29-11-57 Well (API No. 05-123-40081), which was spud on September 15, 2014 without the operator taking initial groundwater samples. On May 6, 2014, COGCC Staff issued Notice of Alleged Violation ("NOAV") No. 200431703 to Carrizo for a violation of Rule 318A.e.(4) (Groundwater Baseline Sampling and Monitoring) of the Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission, 2 CCR 404-1 ("Rule" or "Rules") for the failure to take the initial groundwater sample.

Carrizo is also the operator of the O'Hare 2-29-11-57 Well (API No. 05-123-40082), which was spud on September 26, 2014. Carrizo Niobrara did not complete a Drilling and Completion Report, a Completed Interval Report, or a Certificate of Clearance within the allotted timeframe. Carrizo Niobrara also failed to run required open hole logs on the Well prior to spud.

On March 17, 2015, Commission Staff issued an NOAV No. 2157864 to Carrizo Niobrara for violations of the following Rules:

- a. Rule 308A.b (COGCC Form 5, Drilling and Completion Report) for the failure to submit the Form 5, Drilling and Completion report, within 60 days following rig release;
- b. Rule 308B (COGCC Form 5A, Completed Interval Report) for the failure to submit the Form 5A, Completed Interval Report, within 30 days following completion of a formation;
- c. Rule 312 (COGCC Form 10, Certificate of Clearance) for the failure to submit the Form 10 Certificate of Clearance within 30 days following the date of initial sales; and
- d. Rule 317.p (Requirement to Log Well) for the failure to run open hole logs on the Well to adequately verify the setting depth of surface casing and any aquifer coverage.

COGCC staff requests that Carrizo be found in violation of rules cited above and assessed a penalty pursuant to Rule 523.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to: 1) the general jurisdiction granted to the Commission under § 34-60-105 C.R.S.; 2) specific powers granted pursuant to § 34-60-106

C.R.S.; 3) the State Administrative Procedure Act at § 24-4-105 C.R.S.; and 4) the 500-Series Rules, that the Commission has scheduled the above-entitled matter for hearing on:

Date: Monday, September 14, 2015
Tuesday, September 15, 2015

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Western State Colorado University
University Center, South Ballroom
600 North Adams Street
Gunnison, CO 81231

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if any party requires special accommodations as a result of a disability for this hearing, please contact Margaret Humecki at (303) 894-2100 ext. 5139, prior to the hearing and arrangements will be made.

Pursuant to said hearing in the above-entitled matter at the time and place aforesaid, or at any adjourned meeting, the Commission will enter such orders as it deems appropriate to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public and to prevent the waste of oil and gas, either or both, in the operations of said field, and to carry out the purposes of the statute.

In accordance with Rule 509., any interested party desiring to protest the granting of the application or to intervene on the application should file with the Commission a written protest or intervention no later than August 31, 2015, briefly stating the basis of the protest or intervention. One electronic, one original and two copies shall be filed with the Commission. Anyone who files a protest or intervention must be able to participate in a prehearing conference during the week of August 31, 2015. Pursuant to Rule 503.g., if a party who has received notice under Rule 503.b. wishes to receive further pleadings in the above-referenced matter, that party must file a protest or intervention in accordance with these rules.

OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

By  _____
Julie Murphy, Secretary

Dated: July 1, 2015

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