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### Oil & Gas Conservation Commission

Department of Natural Resources

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November 13, 2017

Nick Oransky  
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Erie, CO 80516  
Via email: [Njoransky@yahoo.com](mailto:Njoransky@yahoo.com)

Dear Mr. Oransky,

The Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) received your complaint regarding a newly constructed odor and noise from an oil and gas location in the vicinity of the Kiddie Academy Daycare Center and Aspen Ridge School. Your complaint is recorded in document number 200443870 and can be reviewed via the "Complaints" link, on our website (<http://cogcc.state.co.us/>).

The actions taken to address your complaint are summarized below.

- On September 13, 2017 COGCC staff inspected the VESSELS MINERALS 'E'-61N68W 19NWSW well operated by Crestone Peak Resources Operating LLC (documented in Field Inspection Report [FIR] # 674200214);
- During the inspection, staff observed a well plugging operation and observed venting from open top tanks located on the west side of the location. An optical gas imagery video collected at the location showed volatile organic compounds (VOCs) venting out of the open top tank;
- COGCC staff requested, and the operator performed, a safety shutdown to cease operations and venting at the location until implementation of safer practices to better control the VOCs;
- The inspector did not document noise in excess of the maximum permissible rules established in COGCC Rule 802;
- On September 13, 2017, the operator directed gases from the well to a sealed 500 barrel flowback tank. The gas vent from the flowback tank was then piped to a flareless gas combustor. This system will remain in place until all seven wells on the pad are plugged and abandoned;
- COGCC enforcement staff determined that the operator's venting of VOCs from the well in proximity to a school playground with children present allowed odors to constitute a hazard to public welfare, in violation of Rule 805.a;
- COGCC enforcement staff determined that the operator's venting of VOCs from the well without taking reasonable precautions to reduce the amount of natural gas vented such as by routing tank emissions to a combustion device for control resulted in unnecessary and excess venting of natural gas, in violation of Rule 912.a; and
- On October 25, 2017 COGCC enforcement staff issued Notice of Alleged Violation (NOAV) # 401440391.

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COGCC FIRs are available on the COGCC website by via the "Data" link, then selecting "Inspection/ Incident" search link, and entering the above referenced FIR number into the "document number" search field. COGCC NOAVs are available via the same process by selecting the "NOAV" radio button at the top of the "Inspection/ Incident" search page and entering the NOAV number.

Further action relating to the issues described in your complaint will be addressed through NOAV #401440391. Accordingly, the COGCC has closed the complaint.

As a complainant on a written complaint which directly resulted in the issuance of a NOAV, you have the right to comment on a draft proposed settlement of the NOAV. Your rights as a complainant are outlined in COGCC Rule 522. If you have any questions or comments regarding the NOAV, you may contact COGCC NOAV Specialist Kira Gillette. Ms. Gillette can be reached by phone at 303-894-2100, extension 5165 or via email at [kira.gillette@state.co.us](mailto:kira.gillette@state.co.us).

If you have questions regarding this complaint or the investigation, you may contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Megan J Adamczyk". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Megan Adamczyk, Complaint Specialist  
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