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Water Quality Control

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Eric Mink  
Clean Water Compliance and Enforcement  
Water Quality Control Division  
Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment  
4300 Cherry Creek Drive S.  
Denver, Colorado 80246

Subject: COG840016 – Ann Allison #1, Ritchie Exploration Inc.

**Notice of WET Testing Failure**

Dear Mr. Mink:

Ritchie Exploration is notifying the Division of a failure in both Chronic and Acute Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) testing performed at the subject facility. The results of a test performed in March 2014 failed, which triggered accelerated testing. Two consecutive accelerated test results failed, demonstrating a pattern of toxicity.

Ritchie is currently planning to perform a Toxicity Identification Evaluation / Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TIE/TRE) in accordance with applicable EPA guidance. The results of the TIE/TRE will be transmitted to CDPHE when complete.

Ritchie is committed to maintaining compliance with the discharge at the facility. Please contact the undersigned with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

John Niernberger, Production Manager  
Ritchie Exploration, Inc.