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CDPS Number COG840016
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August 28, 2014

**RE: COMPLIANCE ADVISORY - REPORTED EFFLUENT VIOLATION
ANN ALLISON #1, COG840016**

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Ritchie Exploration Inc is subject to the Colorado Discharge Permit System, Permit No. COG840016 (Permit). The permit authorizes the Ritchie Exploration Inc to discharge treated wastewater subject to the specific effluent limitations and other conditions of the permit. 5 CCR 1002-61, §61.8, requires a permittee to comply with all of the terms and conditions of the permit.

The self-monitoring data provided on the discharge monitoring report(s) for the above-referenced facility indicates noncompliance with the permit effluent limitations, as indicated in the attached effluent violation report.

It is imperative that the necessary steps be taken to maintain compliance with permit conditions at all times. **Within fourteen (14) days from the date of this letter**, please submit to the Water Quality Control Division (division) a written response explaining the cause of the non-compliance and outlining the actions and measures you have taken or will be taking to abate the non-compliance.

Please address all correspondence to the following address:

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
Water Quality Control Division
WQCD-B2-CWE
ATTN: Andrea Beebout
4300 Cherry Creek Drive South
Denver, Colorado 80246-1530

This compliance advisory is intended to advise you of alleged violations of the Colorado Water Quality Control Act, its implementing regulations and permits so that appropriate steps can be taken to avoid or mitigate formal enforcement action or to correct our records (if applicable). This compliance advisory does not constitute a notice of violation or cease and desist order and is not subject to appeal. The issuance of this compliance advisory does not limit or preclude the division from pursuing its enforcement options concerning the above violation(s). The division will evaluate the facts associated with the above-described violation(s) and if a formal enforcement action is deemed necessary, you may be issued a notice of violation/cease and desist order that may include the assessment of penalties.

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 303-692-6498 or
andrea.beebout@state.co.us

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea Beebout". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and a stylized "B".

Andrea Beebout
Enforcement specialist
Clean water enforcement
Water Quality Control Division

Enclosure: effluent violation summary
ec: file copy

Report #: CAEVRBX004

Created Date: March 2, 2012

Approved By:

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

Water Quality Control Division

Effluent Violation Report

Date of Report: 8/22/14

*** Query Name:Effluent Data ***

Major/Minor (Enter "Major" or "Minor") (Enter * to select all) Minor
Monitoring Period End Date From: 1/1/2014 12:00:00 AM
Monitoring Period End Date To: 6/30/2014 12:00:00 AM
Enter NPDES ID: (Optional)
Matching NPDES ID: (Optional)COG840016
Primary Permit SIC Code: (Optional)
Outfalls: (Optional)
Parameter Desc: (Optional)Solids, total suspended
Enter Primary Permit SIC Code Not Equal to: (Optional)

Permit #	COG840016												
Facility Name	ANN ALLISON #1												
Permit Name	Ritchie Exploration Inc												
Permit Status	Major/Minor Ind.	County	Primary SIC Code	Water Body: COSPLS02a	an unnamed tributary to Vega Crktrib to S Platte								
Effective	Minor	Washington	1311										
NPDES ID	Outfall	Mon Pd Start Date	Mon Pd End Date	Parameter	Rptd Value	Unit Desc	Limit Value	Stat Base Desc	% Exceed	Viol Code	NODI Code	RNC Detect Code	RNC Resolve Code
COG840016	001A	5/1/14	5/31/14	00530 - Solids, total suspended	=70	mg/L	30	30DA AVG	133	E90			
COG840016	001A	5/1/14	5/31/14	00530 - Solids, total suspended	=72	mg/L	45	MX 7D AV	60	E90			
COG840016	001A	6/1/14	6/30/14	00530 - Solids, total suspended	=41.5	mg/L	30	30DA AVG	38	E90			

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