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**NOTICE OF ALLEGED VIOLATION - ISSUED**

Per Rule 522, the Director has reasonable cause to believe that a violation of the Act, or of any Commission rule, order, or permit has occurred, the Director will require the operator to remedy the violation and may commence an enforcement action seeking penalties by issuing a Notice of Alleged Violation (NOAV). Per Rule 523, an operator who violates the Act, or a Commission rule, order, or permit may be subject to a penalty imposed by Commission order.

**OPERATOR INFORMATION**

OGCC Operator Number: 47120  
Name of Operator: KERR MCGEE OIL & GAS ONSHORE LP  
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**Well Location, or Facility Information (if applicable):**

API Number: 05-123-17324-00 Facility or Location ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: COORS V Number: 6-14Ji  
QtrQtr: SESW Sec: 6 Twp: 2N Range: 67W Meridian: 6  
County: WELD

**ALLEGED VIOLATION**

Rule: 1102  
Rule Description: Operations, Maintenance, and Repair  
Initial Discovery Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Was this violation self-reported by the operator? No  
Date of Violation: \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate Time of Violation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Was this a discrete violation of obvious duration? No  
Description of Alleged Violation:  

Pursuant to Rule 1102.a., Kerr McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP ("Operator") shall take reasonable precautions to prevent failures, leakage and corrosion of pipelines.

On April 17, 2017, Frederick-Firestone F.P.D. crews responded to a home explosion and subsequent fire at 6312 Twilight Avenue in Firestone, CO. The origin and cause of the explosion was unrefined, non-odorized gas that entered the home from a cut, abandoned gas flowline that was connected to the Coors V #6-14Ji wellhead (API No. 05-123-17324).

Operator failed to take reasonable precautions to prevent failures and leakage of pipelines, violating Rule 1102.a.

Abatement or Corrective Action Required to be Performed by Operator: \_\_\_\_\_ Corrective Action Due Date: 03/26/2020

**Proper and timely abatement does not preclude the assessment of penalties and an Order Finding Violation.**

In Operator's Rule 522.d.(2) NOAV Answer, Operator shall determine and report on root cause(s) of the failure and develop a written plan that addresses how re-occurrence of this type of failure at Operator's other facilities in Colorado will be avoided in the future, to include engineering, inspection protocols, operations, maintenance, management, and training actions, as necessary.

Rule: 1103

Rule Description: Abandonment

Initial Discovery Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Was this violation self-reported by the operator? No  
Date of Violation: \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate Time of Violation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Was this a discrete violation of obvious duration? No

Description of Alleged Violation:

Pursuant to Rule 1103., Kerr McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP ("Operator") shall ensure that each pipeline abandoned in place shall be disconnected from all sources and supplies of natural gas and petroleum.

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Operator failed to ensure that each pipeline abandoned in place shall be disconnected from all sources and supplies of natural gas, violating Rule 1103.

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Rule: 324A.a

Rule Description: General Environmental Protection

Initial Discovery Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Was this violation self-reported by the operator? No  
Date of Violation: \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate Time of Violation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Was this a discrete violation of obvious duration? No

Description of Alleged Violation:

Pursuant to Rule 324A.a., Kerr McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP ("Operator") shall take precautions to prevent significant adverse environmental impacts to air, water, soil, or biological resources to the extent necessary to protect public health, safety and welfare, including the environment and wildlife resources, taking into consideration cost-effectiveness and technical feasibility to prevent the unauthorized discharge or disposal of oil, gas, E&P waste, chemical substances, trash, discarded equipment or other oil field waste.

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Operator failed to take precautions to prevent significant adverse environmental impacts to air, water, soil, or biological resources to the extent necessary to protect public health, safety and welfare, taking into consideration cost-effectiveness and technical feasibility to prevent the unauthorized discharge of gas, violating Rule 324A.a.

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Rule: 605.d

Rule Description: O&G Facilities - Mechanical Conditions

Initial Discovery Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Was this violation self-reported by the operator? No  
Date of Violation: \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate Time of Violation: \_\_\_\_\_  
Was this a discrete violation of obvious duration? No

Description of Alleged Violation:

Pursuant to Rule 605.d., Kerr McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP ("Operator") shall keep all valves, pipes, and fittings securely fastened; inspected at regular intervals; and maintained in good mechanical condition.

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Operator failed to keep all pipes inspected at regular intervals, and maintained in good mechanical condition, violating Rule 605.d.

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### PENALTY

Penalties for violations alleged in this NOAV will be calculated pursuant to Rule 523, with daily penalties accruing pursuant to Section 34-60-121(1), C.R.S.

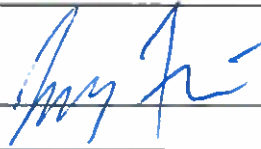
### ANSWER

Pursuant to Rule 522.d.(2), the operator must file an Answer to this NOAV within 28 days of its receipt, or a default judgement may be entered. Hard copy answers are filed with the Commission Secretary at the Commission's Denver office and should also be emailed to [dnr\\_cogccenforcement@state.co.us](mailto:dnr_cogccenforcement@state.co.us).

### NOAV ISSUED

NOAV Issue Date: 03/12/2020

COGCC Representative Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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### ATTACHMENT LIST

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