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In compliance with Colorado Revised Statutes, Section 34-60-104 (III) (A), the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission is submitting its quarterly report to the General Assembly concerning the number of complaints received by the Commission. During this period, the Commission received a total of 29 complaints involving 54 issues.

The report is sorted by the type of complaint and provides information on the complainant's identity and the commission's response.



# COGCC Complaint Report

## October 1, 2009 - December 31, 2009

### BASELINE WATER REQUEST

**Type:** BASELINE WATER REQUEST

**Date:** 10/21/2009

**Complainant:** Art Stevens

16301 CR 31.9

Weston

CO

81091

**Description of Complaint:**

Mr. Stevens is concerned about possible impacts on water quality in his domestic well from nearby CBM operations.

**COGCC Response:**

Summary letter sent to Mr. Stevens. Overall water quality is acceptable. TDS and Mn concentrations exceed the groundwater standards. Mn may be present due to microbial activity in and around the well bore and subsequent reducing conditions dissolving Mn from the aquifer. TDS is similar to result from 2001 sampling and to results from other wells in the area.

**Type:** BASELINE WATER REQUEST

**Date:** 10/21/2009

**Complainant:** Richard Licano

CR 31.9

Weston

CO

81091

**Description of Complaint:**

Mr. Licano requested continued baseline monitoring of his water well with respect to potential impacts from nearby CBM operations. Well may be 1007:PORT1 from Raton Basin baseline phase 1 study.

**COGCC Response:**

General inorganic water quality has remained relatively constant since first sampled in 2002 as part of the Raton Basin Phase 1 Baseline study. Dissolved methane concentrations have increased. Water has chemistry typical of produced water from CBM operations and it is likely that it is producing water from coals or sandstones in contact with coals in the Raton Fm. No impacts from nearby CBM operations were present in analytical data from this sampling and analysis event.



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### FENCING

**Type:** FENCING **Date:** 10/05/2009  
**Complainant:** Karen LaBaron 5460 S Quebec St Greenwood Village CO 80111

**Description of Complaint:**  
Fencing down and or missing.

**COGCC Response:**  
Pit not fenced or netted. NOAV requires pit closure. No response from Operator.

**Type:** FENCING **Date:** 10/05/2009  
**Complainant:** Karen M. LeBaron 5460 S. Quebec, Ste 250 Greenwood Village CO 80111

**Description of Complaint:**  
Fencing down or missing.

**COGCC Response:**  
NOAV Issued 1002.a, 902.d. NOAV requires installation of fencing to protect livestock or wildlife resources.  
No response from the operator.

**Type:** FENCING **Date:** 10/05/2009  
**Complainant:** Karen M. LeBaron 5460 S. Quebec, Ste 250 Greenwood Village CO 80111

**Description of Complaint:**  
Fencing down or missing.

**COGCC Response:**  
No pit observed onsite during investigation.

**Type:** FENCING **Date:** 10/05/2009  
**Complainant:** Karen M. LeBaron 5460 S. Quebec, Ste 250 Greenwood Village CO 80111



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**Description of Complaint:**

Fences down or missing.

**COGCC Response:**

NOAV 200223636 issued requirement to install appropriate fencing by 1-11-10. No response from Operator.

**Type:** FENCING

**Date:** 10/05/2009

**Complainant:** Karen M. LeBaron

5460 S. Quebec, Ste 250

Greenwood Village

CO

80111

**Description of Complaint:**

Fences down or missing.

**COGCC Response:**

NOAV issued 12-10-09. Requirement to install fencing by January 11, 2010. No response from Operator.

**Type:** FENCING

**Date:** 10/05/2009

**Complainant:** Karen M. LeBaron

5460 S. Quebec, Ste 250

Greenwood Village

CO

**Description of Complaint:**

Fences down or missing.

**COGCC Response:**

NOAV requires installation of fencing to protect livestock. No response from Operator.

**Type:** FENCING

**Date:** 10/05/2009

**Complainant:** Karen M. LeBaron

5460 S. Quebec, Ste 250

Greenwood Village

CO

80111

**Description of Complaint:**

Fencing down or missing. One dead cow.



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**COGCC Response:**

Fencing issue not identified during site inspection. No dead cow found during site inspection.

**Type:** FENCING

**Date:** 10/06/2009

**Complainant:** V-CO Enterprises(Johnie & Mike

12650 Tucson St.

Henderson

CO

80640

**Description of Complaint:**

A written complaint was received 9/22/09 by COGCC. The complainant says that the operator - Noble Energy removed a fence, did not repair the fence properly nor keep cattle guards clean, allowing the complainant's cattle to get out. One was hit by a vehicle and killed. Complainant also alleges that Noble damaged more land than needed, failed to properly reseed the site, and has been driving off access roads. Complainant also alleges that Noble's operations have disrupted bald eagle and goose habitat. Complainant also alleges that Noble has been threatening and demanding to the complainant.

**COGCC Response:**

COGCC staff went to the location and found the battery in good condition with no apparent problems with fencing or Eagles nests. The Wellsite was imbedded and planted. There was a vac truck and an employee hand watering the Wellsite. Staff contacted Bill Betson and found out that Noble was in court with the surface owner to resolve the issues associated with the complaint. He said that the COGCC could contact Noble's attorney Andrea Wang if we had any further questions. Staff then considered this complaint resolved in regard to COGCC involvement in the referenced matters on the form 18.



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### GROUND WATER

**Type:** GROUND WATER **Date:** 10/21/2009  
**Complainant:** Penny Bieber 20139 CR 30.1 Weston CO 81091

**Description of Complaint:** Monitoring to determine if shock chlorination has changed general water quality.

**COGCC Response:** Reviewed analytical data and compared to CDPHE WQCC groundwater standards and compared to results of previous sampling events since 1996. TDS had decreased since previous sampling in 2009. Most of the decrease in TDS conc. is attributable to decreases in Ca, Mg and sulfate. Concentrations of sodium have remained relatively constant since 1996. TDS is the only parameter tested that exceeded the groundwater standard. Isotopic composition of methane present in the groundwater is not of typical CBM thermogenic nature. BART test kits still showed microbial activity even though landowner had shock chlorinated the well.

**Type:** GROUND WATER **Date:** 10/23/2009  
**Complainant:** Nancy Meadows 19560 CR 30.1 Weston CO 81091

**Description of Complaint:** follow up for re-analysis of VOC fraction.

**COGCC Response:** No impacts to groundwater from nearby CBM operations were present in data from multiple samples collected and analyzed since 2005.

**Type:** GROUND WATER **Date:** 12/14/2009  
**Complainant:** Ed Cranson 17199 CO Rd 21 Fort Morgan Co 80701



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### Description of Complaint:

JR Simplot Company has monitoring well on property along HWY 85 in Gilcrest that is "bubbling". Would like COGCC to investigate to see if it is related to O&G

### COGCC Response:

The COGCC is resampling the monitoring well due to analytical lab issues. COGCC had monitoring well sampled in December – analytical results showed no issues; methane gas is present. Methane gas sample for characterization was unable to be analyzed and monitoring well needs to be resampled. Staff has been in contact with property owner to resample the well for gas characterization by the end of March.

Based on earlier sampled the staff believes that this is another case of biogenic methane but needs gas sample results to verification.

**Type:** GROUND WATER

**Date:** 12/21/2009

**Complainant:** Tracy Dahl

14218 Switchback Road

Weston

CO

81091

### Description of Complaint:

Potential impacts to groundwater from possible damage to casing.

### COGCC Response:

The operator forwarded summary of events at the NFR 14-1 pad during and shortly after completion of the 14-1R well. Cement Bond logs for both wells on the pad were included as graphics as well as a geologic interpretation of the Dahl domestic well in relation to the NFR 14-1 wells. Staff witnessed pressure test of casing at the NFR 14-1V with Pioneer and Wester Well Service staff conducting.



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### LIVESTOCK

**Type:** LIVESTOCK

**Date:** 10/05/2009

**Complainant:** Karen M. LeBaron

5460 S. Quebec, Ste 250

Greenwood Village

CO

80111

**Description of Complaint:**

Loose livestock.

**COGCC Response:**

NOAV 200223636 issued requirement to install appropriate fencing by 1-11-10. No response from Operator.

**Type:** LIVESTOCK

**Date:** 10/05/2009

**Complainant:** Karen M. LeBaron

5460 S. Quebec, Ste 250

Greenwood Village

CO

80111

**Description of Complaint:**

Loose livestock.

**COGCC Response:**

NOAV 200223648 issued 12-10-09. Requirement to install fencing. No response from Operator.





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## NOISE

**Type:** NOISE

**Date:** 10/07/2009

**Complainant:** Oakley Hopkins

Rangely

CO

**Description of Complaint:**

Ms. Hopkins left message on JKrabacher phone at ~ 11AM Wed. 10/07/09. She has been experiencing a frequent rumbling/vibration (loud noise) sensation at her house and wanted to investigate the possibility that this might be "oil-field" related. It seems that this sensation occurs frequently a day or so after a fleet of frac-trucks has gone by, presumably to gas-wells to the southwest. (There is a large possibility that such wells are in Utah).

Ms. H has already called the BLM, and oil-companies which work in the area to see if they could furnish any plausible explanation. Staff called Ms. Hopkins back at ~ 1 PM (10/07). I asked if there were any pipelines nearby. (The main CUSA oil-line leaves Rangely to the NW, not down the White River where the Hopkins' live). They live about 8.5 miles west and down the W River from Rangely. She has been at this house since 1999 and noticed this phenomenon since that time. It seems to occur at about noon or 3 PM -- in every season but winter. Perhaps a few times a month. Could this be due to seismic crews in the area? (JK doubts it ...). "Mini-earthquakes"? She has also tried to contact 'the military' about sonic booms but no response.

**COGCC Response:**

Staff contact complainant and they informed staff not to pursue or bother investigating at this time, as whatever the phenomenon is, "it doesn't happen (as much) in the winter."

**Type:** NOISE

**Date:** 11/04/2009

**Complainant:** Sam Hoffmann

1099 Main Ave. #404

Durango

CO

81301



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### Description of Complaint:

Complainant indicates that noise coming from a well pad with multiple wells on it is bothering his tenants. Location has wells operated by two different operators. Multiple other wells also exist within a close proximity.

### COGCC Response:

Field Inspector received a call from Complainant who stated that they had received a positive response from BP indicating they didn't believe it was their equipment causing the noise. Complainant was wondering what the situation was with other potential noise sources. It should be noted that all wells in connection with this complaint are located on Tribal surface and therefore COGCC has no jurisdiction or enforcement capabilities. COGCC Inspector facilitated communication between Complainant and Operator in order for them to resolve the issue between themselves. Inspector has heard nothing further from Complainant. Complaint being closed out based on this information.

**Type:** NOISE

**Date:** 11/05/2009

**Complainant:** Matt Barnett

11617 CR 31-

Ignacio

CO

81137

### Description of Complaint:

Noise emanating from the Elm Ridge Ignacio Amine Plant is at levels which are bothering complainant and his family. Complainant's residence is approximately 2000' northeast of facility.

### COGCC Response:

Field visit was made-9 AM. No wind. Sound levels were recorded on the northeast corner of facility at 350 feet (lease line). Recorded levels ranged from 44-45 dbA and are now within COGCC prescribed levels under Rule 802.c. NOAV and complaint being closed out.



## COGCC Complaint Report October 1, 2009 - December 31, 2009

### ODOR

**Type:** ODOR

**Date:** 10/07/2009

**Complainant:** Patrick Miller & Kropf

730 Durant Avenue

Aspen

CO

81611

**Description of Complaint:**

On evening of September 19, 2009 noxious odors emanating from the Hilton #36-21D well reached the prpoerty owned by Juliet Shield -Taylor and were so severe in nature that the property became unfit for habitation and Ms. Shield-Taylor was forced to leave her property.

**COGCC Response:**

Site inspection conducted October 9, 2009 did not observe any violations of COGCC rules, no odors were apparent. Suggested quicker or more rapid notification so COGCC inspector could mobilize to the site during actual event.



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### ORPHANED EQUIPMENT

**Type:** ORPHANED EQUIPMENT **Date:** 10/05/2009  
**Complainant:** Karen M. LeBaron 5460 S. Quebec, Ste 250 Greenwood Village CO 8011

**Description of Complaint:**  
Abandoned equipment exposed wellbore.

**COGCC Response:**  
NOAV issued for abandoned equipment. No response from Operator.

**Type:** ORPHANED EQUIPMENT **Date:** 10/05/2009  
**Complainant:** Karen M. LeBaron 5460 S. Quebec, Ste 250 Greenwood Village CO 80111

**Description of Complaint:**  
Exposed wellbores and abandoned equipment.

**COGCC Response:**  
NOAV 200223648 issued 12-10-09. Plug, MIT or P&A well by MArch 8, 2010. Remove debris by 1-11-10.  
No response from Operator.

**Type:** ORPHANED EQUIPMENT **Date:** 10/05/2009  
**Complainant:** Karen M. LeBaron 5460 S. Quebec, Ste 250 Greenwood Village CO

**Description of Complaint:**  
Open well bore and abanonded equipment.

**COGCC Response:**  
NOAV required used equipment to be removed. No response from Operator.

**Type:** ORPHANED EQUIPMENT **Date:** 10/05/2009  
**Complainant:** Karen M. LeBaron 5460 S. Quebec, Ste 250 Greenwood Village CO 80111



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**Description of Complaint:**

Open wellbore and abandoned equipment.

**COGCC Response:**

NOAV 200223636 issued requirement to remove equipment and debris by 1-11-10. No response from Operator.

**Type:** ORPHANED EQUIPMENT

**Date:** 10/05/2009

**Complainant:** Karen LaBaron

5460 S Quebec St

Greenwood Village

CO

80111

**Description of Complaint:**

Abandoned equipment. Open wellbore.

**COGCC Response:**

Interim reclamation including removal of equipment has not occurred. NOAV issued. No response from Operator.

**Type:** ORPHANED EQUIPMENT

**Date:** 10/05/2009

**Complainant:** Karen M. LeBaron

5460 S. Quebec, Ste 250

Greenwood Village

CO

80111

**Description of Complaint:**

Abandoned equipment and exposed wellbore.



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### COGCC Response:

On September 9, 2009 the Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC) received a complaint (COGCC #200219226) from Puckett Land Company concerning the abovementioned well site. To investigate the complaint COGCC staff conducted a site inspection on September 18, 2009 and reviewed COGCC files. This investigation identified numerous violations of COGCC rules; therefore, the COGCC is issuing Notice of Alleged Violation #200223732 to WHE Holdings, LLC. The rules cited in the NOAV are described below and the NOAV is enclosed as Attachment 1. The abatement and/or corrective actions required to be performed by West Hawk and the schedule for compliance is provided below:

Submit Compliance Checklist, per Rule 206, to the Director by December 28, 2009.

Remove chemical storage containers, unused materials and waste materials by December 30, 2009.

Remove debris, unused equipment, including vehicles by January 6, 2009. No response from Operator.

**Type:** ORPHANED EQUIPMENT

**Date:** 10/05/2009

**Complainant:** Karen M. LeBaron

5460 S. Quebec, Ste 250

Greenwood Village

CO

80111

### Description of Complaint:

Open wellbore and abandoned equipment.

### COGCC Response:

NOAV Issued. Plug, produce or MIT. No response from the operator.

**Type:** ORPHANED EQUIPMENT

**Date:** 10/29/2009

**Complainant:** Beth Brenneman - BLM

2300 River Frontage Road

Silt

CO

81652



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### **Description of Complaint:**

BLM has requested that the decommissioned storage tank be removed, in addition to miscellaneous equipment no longer in use be removed.

### **COGCC Response:**

BLM has requested that the decommissioned storage tank be removed, in addition to miscellaneous equipment no longer in use be removed. On December 10, 2009, COGCC issued a Notice of Alleged Violations (NOAV) to Maralex Resources, Inc. Refer to Document No. 200223622 for information regarding violations and required abatement and corrective actions.



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### OTHER

**Type:** OTHER

**Date:** 12/21/2009

**Complainant:** Tracy Dahl

14218 Switchback Road

Weston

CO

81091

**Description of Complaint:**

Neighboring landowner reported that they were told by a Pioneer employee that significant damage had been done to the integrity of the well casing of the NFR 14-1V during completion and stimulation of the recently drilled NFR 14-1R well on the same pad as the 14-1R well.

**COGCC Response:**

The operator forwarded summary of events at the NFR 14-1 pad during and shortly after completion of the 14-1R well. Cement bondlogs for both wells on the pad were included as graphics as well as a geologic interpretation of the Dahl domestic well in relation to the NFR 14-1 wells. Staff witnessed pressure test of casing at the NFR 14-1V with Pioneer and Wester Well Service staff conducting.





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### PITS

**Type:** PITS **Date:** 10/05/2009  
**Complainant:** Karen M. LeBaron 5460 S. Quebec, Ste 250 Greenwood Village CO 8011  
**Description of Complaint:** Open pits.

**COGCC Response:** Pit issue not identified at this site.

**Type:** PITS **Date:** 10/05/2009  
**Complainant:** Karen M. LeBaron 5460 S. Quebec, Ste 250 Greenwood Village CO 80111  
**Description of Complaint:** Open pits.

**COGCC Response:** NOAV Issued. Operator required to close pit. No response from the operator.

**Type:** PITS **Date:** 10/05/2009  
**Complainant:** Karen M. LeBaron 5460 S. Quebec, Ste 250 Greenwood Village CO 80111  
**Description of Complaint:** Open pit.

**COGCC Response:** Pit not observed during site inspection.

**Type:** PITS **Date:** 10/05/2009  
**Complainant:** Karen LaBaron 5460 S Quebec St Greenwood Village CO 80111



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**Description of Complaint:**

Open pits.

**COGCC Response:**

Operator required to close pit. Complaint closed due to issuance of NOAV. No response from Operator.

**Type:** PITS

**Date:** 10/05/2009

**Complainant:** Karen M. LeBaron

5460 S. Quebec, Ste 250

Greenwood Village

CO

80111

**Description of Complaint:**

Open pits.

**COGCC Response:**

NOAV 200223636 issued requirement to close pit by Rule 905. Submit Form 27 by December 24, 2009.

Install appropriate fencing by 1-11-10. No response from Operator.

**Type:** PITS

**Date:** 10/05/2009

**Complainant:** Karen M. LeBaron

5460 S. Quebec, Ste 250

Greenwood Village

CO

**Description of Complaint:**

Open pits.

**COGCC Response:**

Pit closure required under NOAV. No response from Operator.

**Type:** PITS

**Date:** 10/05/2009

**Complainant:** Karen M. LeBaron

5460 S. Quebec, Ste 250

Greenwood Village

CO

80111

**Description of Complaint:**

Open pits.



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**COGCC Response:**

NOAV 200223648 issued 12-10-09. Close pit by 1-11-10. No response from Operator.



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### PRODUCTION

**Type:** PRODUCTION

**Date:** 12/22/2009

**Complainant:** Tim Iverson

Greeley

**Description of Complaint:**

Tank thief hatch left open several days according to landowner.

**COGCC Response:**

Staff visited site and found thief hatch closed. The pumper opened thief hatch for a couple days while well was being flowed back after workover operation. Thief hatch normally closed during production operations.



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### RECLAMATION

**Type:** RECLAMATION

**Date:** 10/02/2009

**Complainant:** Bill Fabrizius

61184 WCR 89

Grover

CO

80729

**Description of Complaint:**

Road ROW and new battery built into the field around this well are not being reclaimed satisfactorily per landowner.

**COGCC Response:**

Meeting held at landowner home-Bill Fabrizius with Petro-Canado operations manager- Bud Metcalf, Landman- Mauri Gillman, and COGCC inspectors Ed Binkley, Colby Horton, and reclamation inspector Gary Helgeland. Observed application for Rules 1002e, and 1003. Operator will present letter of intent to establish seedbed and road base into existing and new operations. Shallow topsoil and high clay content soil presents a difficult road and location construction situation. Operator will seek additional professional expertise in the location construction phase for new wells. Letter of recommendation for construction will be sent to field inspection supervisor.

**Type:** RECLAMATION

**Date:** 10/29/2009

**Complainant:** Beth Brennaman - BLM

2300 River Frontage Road

Silt

CO

81652

**Description of Complaint:**

BLM has requested that the small enclosed pit be drained, filled, and seeded; followed by fence removal.



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### **COGCC Response:**

BLM has requested that the small enclosed pit be drained, filled, and seeded; followed by fence removal. On December 10, 2009, COGCC issued a Notice of Alleged Violations (NOAV) to Maralex Resources, Inc. Refer to Document No. 200223622 for information regarding violations and required abatement and corrective actions.



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### SOIL CONTAMINATION

**Type:** SOIL CONTAMINATION

**Complainant:** Curt Penny

Burlington

**Date:** 12/28/2009

CO

**Description of Complaint:**

Workover rig had blowout. Covered cropland and wellpad.

**COGCC Response:**

Site visit conducted August 2001 - no evidence of contamination.



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### SPILLS

**Type:** SPILLS **Date:** 10/05/2009  
**Complainant:** Karen M. LeBaron 5460 S. Quebec, Ste 250 Greenwood Village CO 8011  
**Description of Complaint:**  
Leaking tanks.

**COGCC Response:**  
Spill issue not identified at this site.

**Type:** SPILLS **Date:** 10/05/2009  
**Complainant:** Karen M. LeBaron 5460 S. Quebec, Ste 250 Greenwood Village CO 80111  
**Description of Complaint:**  
Leaking tanks.

**COGCC Response:**  
No spills were found.

**Type:** SPILLS **Date:** 10/05/2009  
**Complainant:** Karen M. LeBaron 5460 S. Quebec, Ste 250 Greenwood Village CO 80111  
**Description of Complaint:**  
Leaking tanks.

**COGCC Response:**  
Spills not observed during site inspection.

**Type:** SPILLS **Date:** 10/05/2009  
**Complainant:** Karen M. LeBaron 5460 S. Quebec, Ste 250 Greenwood Village CO





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**Description of Complaint:**

Leaking tanks.

**COGCC Response:**

Leaking tank not identified.

**Type:** SPILLS

**Date:** 10/05/2009

**Complainant:** Karen LaBaron

5460 S Quebec St

Greenwood Village

CO

80111

**Description of Complaint:**

Leaking tanks.

**COGCC Response:**

No spills identified at this site.

**Type:** SPILLS

**Date:** 10/05/2009

**Complainant:** Karen M. LeBaron

5460 S. Quebec, Ste 250

Greenwood Village

CO

80111

**Description of Complaint:**

Leaking tanks.

**COGCC Response:**

Submit Compliance Checklist, per Rule 206, to the Director by December 28, 2009.

Remove chemical storage containers, unused materials and waste materials by December 30, 2009.

No response from Operator.

**Type:** SPILLS

**Date:** 10/05/2009

**Complainant:** Karen M. LeBaron

5460 S. Quebec, Ste 250

Greenwood Village

CO

80111

**Description of Complaint:**

Leaking tanks.



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**COGCC Response:**

Spill in tank berm not identified. No response from the operator.



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### TANK BATTERY

**Type:** TANK BATTERY

**Date:** 10/29/2009

**Complainant:** Beth Brennaman - BLM

2300 River Frontage Road

Silt

CO

81652

**Description of Complaint:**

BLM has requested that the replacement tank needs secondary containment.

**COGCC Response:**

BLM has requested that the replacement tank needs secondary containment. On December 10, 2009, COGCC issued a Notice of Alleged Violations (NOAV) to Maralex Resources, Inc. Refer to Document No. 200223622 for information regarding violations and required abatement and corrective actions.



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### WATER WELL

**Type:** WATER WELL **Date:** 10/13/2009  
**Complainant:** Russ Bachofer 11585 WCR 18 Ft Lupton CO 80621

**Description of Complaint:**  
Landowner requested that COGCC sample 2 water wells on property. COGCC has previously sampled both water wells under complaint #200197879.

**COGCC Response:**  
The COGCC sampled both the Bachofer and Sorensen water wells on 10/21/08. No oil & gas impacts were observed.

**Type:** WATER WELL **Date:** 10/16/2009  
**Complainant:** Fred Webb 15948 WCR 38 Platteville CO 80651

**Description of Complaint:**  
Sampling by KMG/Anadarko has identified a possible impacted water well due to O&G activity.

**COGCC Response:**  
investigation is completed and operator has arranged for the well owner to obtain a city water tap as a replacement for the impacted water well.

**Type:** WATER WELL **Date:** 10/28/2009  
**Complainant:** Claude DeGraw 31559 CR 40 Trinidad CO 81082

**Description of Complaint:**  
Mr. DeGraw reported that a fire had occurred at the top of the casing to his domestic well. A neighbor reported the fire to local fire department who extinguished.



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### COGCC Response:

Mr. DeGraw met Mr. Gintautas along the route to his home. Handheld RKI gas detector readings indicated approximately 100% CH<sub>4</sub> was venting from the well along with 50-60ppm H<sub>2</sub>S. Estimate of flow by garbage bag technique was 20-30 MCF/day. Top of well casing appeared burned and cable to well was partly melted. Interior of house checked for gas with 0% LEL reading in house. Two large vents open in crawl space to house. Gas sample collected for composition and isotopic analysis. Mr. DeGraw and I discussed that wall mount detectors for methane are available and that when he moves in to the home that these devices should be installed. Use of outdoor vented cistern for passive treatment of water was also discussed. Also discussed venting of well at sanitary cap.

**Type:** WATER WELL

**Date:** 11/06/2009

**Complainant:** Bruce Jones

PO Box 816

Ignacio

CO 81137

### Description of Complaint:

Complainant believes produced water along the flowline to the Richmond Foxy disposal well on September 8, 2003 impacted his water well.

### COGCC Response:

December 4, 2003 COGCC investigation determined no impact to Mr. Jones well - produced water spill and well water are not of the same composition (document #01169463). Annual data collected from 2003-2009 indicate no change in water quality. No further action at this time. See document #01733407.

**Type:** WATER WELL

**Date:** 12/04/2009

**Complainant:** Arthur Weissner

238 Willow Creek Trail

Parachute

CO 81635

### Description of Complaint:

Complaint from 1999. Request to conduct water well sampling.



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**COGCC Response:**

No evidence of any oil & gas impacts observed.



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### WEEDS

**Type:** WEEDS

**Date:** 10/29/2009

**Complainant:** Beth Brennaman - BLM

2300 River Frontage Road

Silt

CO

81652

**Description of Complaint:**

BLM has requested the removal or/and control of noxious weeds (bull & canadian thistle and hounds tongue).

**COGCC Response:**

BLM has requested the removal or/and control of noxious weeds (bull & canadian thistle and hounds tongue). On December 10, 2009, COGCC issued a Notice of Alleged Violations (NOAV) to Maralex Resources, Inc. Refer to Document No. 200223622 for information regarding violations and required abatement and corrective actions.