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Notice to Oil And Gas and Waste Facility Operators

Re: Processing APDs and other Applications

The Oil and Gas industry in Utah is continuing a very high level of activity. As a result the Division is receiving an increasing number of oil and gas well drilling and other applications. At the same time, the Division has been receiving numerous requests by operators to expedite the processing of certain APDs and other applications for various reasons such as expiring leases or availability of drilling rigs. In order to prioritize the various requests for approval, to fairly consider the needs of all operators to receive timely consideration of their applications, and to properly allocate the manpower resources of the Division, we adjusted our procedures for processing applications.

This notice is a reminder to operators that the Division continues to be unable to honor requests for expedited processing of specific APDs or other applications, and we will only process applications or schedule onsite evaluations after submittal by operators of complete applications. Such applications will be considered in the order that they are received by the Division. Please note that in the future, the most effective way to expedite the processing of applications by the Division is to submit a complete package upon initial filing. Also, please recognize that making changes to an application once it has begun processing will lengthen the time necessary to receive approval from the Division.

I believe our procedures will continue to allow prudent and timely development of oil and gas resources in Utah to occur during this time of increasing focus on energy supplies. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and patience during this exciting and booming time in the oil and gas industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gil Hunt".

Gil Hunt
Associate Director