

Department of Natural Resources Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

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NOTICE TO OIL AND GAS PRODUCERS

Re: <u>Cancellation of Temporary Exceptions to the General Oil and Gas Administrative Rules in</u>
Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Market conditions for Utah oil production, including the WTI benchmark price of U.S. oil, have stabilized, therefore the Director of the Division has determined it is no longer necessary for temporary exceptions to the general oil and gas administrative rules in response to the COVID-19.

Effective immediately the following Administrative Rules are reinstated:

R649-3-1(4.2): The period of time for posting a bond in compliance with the bonding rule is one hundred and twenty (120) days.

R649-3-1(8): In cases where bond coverage currently exists and there needs to be a change in the form or amount of bond coverage, the Division will allow for up to 120 days to establish modification of bond coverage.

R649-3-4: An approval of an APD is valid for 12 months unless the Division receives a complaint related to operatorship, at which time the APD extension will be evaluated.

R649-3-32(3.1): A verbal report of a major undesirable event must be submitted to the Division as soon as practical but within twenty four (24) hours of the major undesirable event being discovered.

R649-3-32 (3.2) Complete written reports of a major undesirable event must be submitted on the Incident Report Form on the Division's website within five (5).

R649-3-32(5) complete written report submitted on the Incident Report Form on the division's website within 5 days.

The Division's May 8, 2020, directive entitled Temporary Exceptions to the General Oil and Gas Administrative Rules in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic is officially rescinded. Questions regarding this Division Order can be directed to Oil and Gas Deputy Director Bart Kettle at bartkettle@utah.gov.

Sincerely,

John Baza (Jun 6, 2022 16:44 MDT)

John R. Baza, P.E. Director

