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September 24, 1986

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
P 001 720 930

Mr. Alan Smith
North American Equities
1401 17th Street
Suite 1510
Denver, Colorado 80202

Dear Mr. Smith:

Re: Proposed Assessment for State Violation No. N86-4-10-1,
INA/007/021, Folder No. 8, Carbon County, Utah

The undersigned has been appointed by the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining as the Assessment Officer for assessing penalties under UMC/SMC 845.11-845.20.

Enclosed is the proposed civil penalty assessment for the above-referenced violation. This violation was issued by Division Inspector Dave Lof on September 5, 1986. Rules UMC/SMC 845.2 et seq have been utilized to formulate the proposed penalty. By these rules, any written information submitted by you or your agent within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this Notice of Violation has been considered in determining the facts surrounding the violation and the amount of penalty.

Within fifteen (15) days after receipt of this proposed assessment, you or your agent may file a written request for an assessment conference to review the proposed penalty. (Address a request for a conference to Ms. Janice Brown at the above address.)

IF A TIMELY REQUEST IS NOT MADE, THE PROPOSED PENALTY(IES) WILL BECOME FINAL, AND THE PENALTY(IES) WILL BE DUE AND PAYABLE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENT. Please remit payment to the Division and mail c/o Janice Brown.

Sincerely,

Mike Earl

Mike Earl
Assessment Officer

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Enclosure
cc: D. J. Griffin
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WORKSHEET FOR ASSESSMENT OF PENALTIES
UTAH DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

COMPANY/MINE N. American Equities/Blazon NOV # N86-4-10-1
PERMIT # INA/007/021 VIOLATION 1 OF 1

I. HISTORY MAX 25 PTS

A. Are there previous violations which are not pending or vacated,
which fall within 1 year of today's date?
ASSESSMENT DATE 9/24/86 EFFECTIVE ONE YEAR DATE 9/25/85

PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS	EFF. DATE	PTS	PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS	EFF. DATE	PTS
<u>N85-8-12-1</u>	<u>12/04/85</u>	<u>1</u>			

1 point for each past violation, up to one year
5 points for each past violation in a CO, up to one year
No pending notices shall be counted

TOTAL HISTORY POINTS 1

II. SERIOUSNESS (either A or B)

NOTE: For assignment of points in Parts II and III, the following applies. Based on the facts supplied by the inspector, the Assessment Officer will determine within which category the violation falls. Beginning at the mid-point of the category, the AO will adjust the points up or down, utilizing the inspector's and operator's statements as guiding documents.

Is this an Event (A) or Hindrance (B) violation? Event

A. Event Violations MAX 45 PTS

1. What is the event which the violated standard was designed to prevent? Water Pollution
2. What is the probability of the occurrence of the event which a violated standard was designed to prevent?

PROBABILITY	RANGE
None	0
Insignificant	1-4
Unlikely	5-9
Likely	10-14
Occurred	20

ASSIGN PROBABILITY OF OCCURRENCE POINTS 12

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS
Inspector indicates that at the time of inspection it was raining and
disturbed area runoff was leaving the site untreated and entering Mud Creek.
Due to the small amount of runoff there was no visible sign of stream
degradation. Inspector indicates that if the storm had been more intense
it is likely that pollution would have occurred.

IV. GOOD FAITH MAX -20 PTS. (either A or B)

A. Did the operator have onsite the resources necessary to achieve compliance of the violated standard within the permit area? IF SO -EASY ABATEMENT

- Easy Abatement Situation
- Immediate Compliance -11 to -20*
(Immediately following the issuance of the NOV)
 - Rapid Compliance -1 to -10*
(Permittee used diligence to abate the violation)
 - Normal Compliance 0
(Operator complied within the abatement period required)

*Assign in upper or lower half of range depending on abatement occurring in 1st or 2nd half of abatement period.

B. Did the permittee not have the resources at hand to achieve compliance OR does the situation require the submission of plans prior to physical activity to achieve compliance? IF SO - DIFFICULT ABATEMENT SITUATION

- Difficult Abatement Situation
- Rapid Compliance -11 to -20*
(Permittee used diligence to abate the violation)
 - Normal Compliance -1 to -10*
(Operator complied within the abatement period required)
 - Extended Compliance 0
(Permittee took minimal actions for abatement to stay within the limits of the NOV or the violated standard, or the plan submitted for abatement was incomplete)

EASY OR DIFFICULT ABATEMENT? Difficult ASSIGN GOOD FAITH POINTS -12

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS

NOV was to be abated by September 12, 1986. NOV was terminated effective September 9, 1986.

V. ASSESSMENT SUMMARY FOR N86-4-10-1

I. TOTAL HISTORY POINTS	<u>1</u>
II. TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS	<u>20</u>
III. TOTAL NEGLIGENCE POINTS	<u>10</u>
IV. TOTAL GOOD FAITH POINTS	<u>-12</u>
TOTAL ASSESSED POINTS	<u>19</u>
TOTAL ASSESSED FINE	<u>\$190</u>

Mike Earl

ASSESSMENT DATE 9/24/86 ASSESSMENT OFFICER Mike Earl