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January 6, 2015

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT
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Chip Zeigler
Zeigler Chemical and Minerals
600 Prospect Ave. BLDG A
Piscataway, NJ 08854-1414

Subject: Proposed Assessment for State Notice of Violation No. MN-2014-60-06, Zeigler Chemical and Minerals, Neal State 1, 2, 3 Mine, S/047/063, Uintah County, Utah

Response Due By: 30 Days of Receipt

Dear Mr. Zeigler:

The undersigned has been appointed by the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining as the assessment officer for assessing penalties under R647-7.

Enclosed is the proposed civil penalty assessment for the above referenced notice of violation). The NOV was issued by Division inspector, April Abate on August 8, 2014. Rule R647-7-103 et. seq. has been utilized to determine the proposed penalty of $0.00. The enclosed worksheet outlines how the civil penalty was assessed.

By these rules, any written information which was submitted by you or your agent within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this NOV has been considered in determining the facts surrounding the violation and the amount of this penalty.

Under R647-7-106, you may appeal the 'fact of the violation'. If you wish to informally appeal you should file a written request for an informal conference within thirty 30 days of receipt of this letter. The informal conference will be conducted by a Division-appointed conference officer.

If a timely request for review is not made, the fact of the violation will stand.

Sincerely,

Lynn Kunzler
Assessment Officer

LK:mj
Enclosure: Proposed assessment worksheet
Vickie Southwick, Exec. Sec.
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WORKSHEET FOR ASSESSMENT OF PENALTIES
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS & MINING
Minerals Regulatory Program

NOV / CO #: MN-2014-60-06 PERMIT: S/047/0063
COMPANY / MINE Ziegler Chemical and Minerals /Neal State 1, 2, 3

ASSESSMENT DATE January 6, 2015
ASSESSMENT OFFICER Lynn Kunzler

I. HISTORY (Max. 25 pts.) (R647–7-103.2.11)

A. Are there previous violations, which are not pending or vacated, which fall three (3) years of today's date?

PREVIOUS VIOLATIONS	EFFECTIVE DATE	POINTS (1pt for NOV 5pts for CO)
None		

TOTAL HISTORY POINTS 0

II. SERIOUSNESS (Max 45pts) (R647–7-103.2.12)

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

Is this an EVENT (A) or Administrative (B) violation? (B) Administrative
(assign points according to A or B)

A. EVENT VIOLATIONS (Max 45 pts.)

1. What is the event which the violated standard was designed to prevent?

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

PROBABILITY	POINT RANGE
None	0
Unlikely	1-9
Likely	10-19
Occurred	20

ASSIGN PROBABILITY OF OCCURRENCE POINTS _____

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS:

3. What is the extent of actual or potential damage: ___

ASSIGN DAMAGE POINTS(RANGE 0-25) _____

In assigning points, consider the duration and extent of said damage or impact, in terms of area and impact on the public or environment.

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS: _____

B. ADMINISTRATIVE VIOLATIONS (Max 25pts)

1. Is this a POTENTIAL or ACTUAL hindrance to enforcement? _____

Assign points based on the extent to which enforcement is actually or potentially hindered by the violation.

ASSIGN HINDRANCE POINTS __3___

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS: *Without annual reports, it may difficult for an inspector to determine status of areas being affected by operations, or where all disturbances are located. Since this is only 0ne year past due, points were assigned at mid-point of the lower 1/5 of the range.*

TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS (A or B)__3___

III. DEGREE OF FAULT (Max 30 pts.) (R647-7-103.2.13)

A. IF SO--NO NEGLIGENCE; or, , IF SO--GREATER DEGREE OF FAULT THAN NEGLIGENCE.

	Point Range
No Negligence (Was this an inadvertent violation which was unavoidable by the exercise of reasonable care?)	0
Negligence (was this a failure of a permittee to prevent the occurrence of a violation due to indifference lack of diligence, or lack of reasonable care?)	1-15
Greater Degree of Fault (was this a failure to abate any violation or was economic gain realized by the permittee?	16-30

STATE DEGREE OF NEGLIGENCE__Negligent__

ASSIGN NEGLIGENCE POINTS __7__

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS: *Operators are responsible to know rules regulating their operations (i.e. requirement to submit annual reports).*

IV. GOOD FAITH (Max 20 pts.) (R467-7-103.2.14)

(Either A or B) (Does not apply to violations requiring no abatement measures, or violations not abated at the time of assessment)

Has Violation Been Abated? Yes

A. EASY ABATEMENT (The operator had onsite, the resources necessary to achieve compliance of the violated standard within the permit area.)

	Point Range
Immediate Compliance (Immediately following the issuance of the NOV)	-11 to -20
Rapid Compliance (Permittee used diligence to abate the violation. Violation abated in less time than allotted.)	-1 to -10
Normal Compliance (Operator complied within the abatement period required, or, Operator requested an extension to abatement time)	0

B. DIFFICULT ABATEMENT (The operator did not have the resources at hand to achieve compliance, or the submission of plans was required prior to physical activity to achieve compliance.)

	Point Range
Rapid Compliance (Permittee used diligence to abate the violation. Violation abated in less time than allotted.)	-11 to -20
Normal Compliance (Operator complied within the abatement period)	-1 to -10
Extended Compliance (Operator complied within the abatement period required, or, Operator requested an extension to abatement time) (Permittee took minimal actions for abatement to stay within the limits of the violation, or the plan submitted for abatement was incomplete.)	0

EASY OR DIFFICULT ABATEMENT? Easy Abatement

ASSIGN GOOD FAITH POINTS -10

PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION OF POINTS: *The annual report was completed by August 15, 2014, demonstrating very rapid compliance. 10 points were awarded*

V. ASSESSMENT SUMMARY (R647-7-103.3)

I.	TOTAL HISTORY POINTS	0
II.	TOTAL SERIOUSNESS POINTS	3
III.	TOTAL NEGLIGENCE POINTS	7
IV.	TOTAL GOOD FAITH POINTS	-10
	TOTAL ASSESSED POINTS	0

TOTAL ASSESSED FINE **$00.00**