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Dear BLM Operator:

The significant increase in oil and gas activity on Federal lands within Wyoming has caused an increase in public awareness of oil and gas related environmental issues. Therefore, we are reminding operators to maintain a program that provides oversight, quality control, and routine inspection of ongoing activities. The objective of this program is to help protect surface resources and the environment. In this light, we are contacting all oil and gas operators in our Field Office.

As a reminder, applicable regulations include the following:

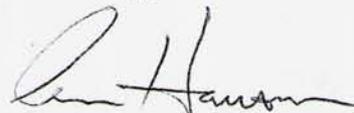
43 CFR 3162.1, General requirements, require the operator to conduct all operations in a manner which protects other natural resources, environmental quality, life, and property.

43 CFR 3162.5-1(a), Environment and Safety, require oil and gas operators to conduct operations in a manner which protects the mineral resources, other natural resources, and environmental quality. Also, 43 CFR 3162.5-1(d) states when reasonably required by the BLM, operators shall submit a contingency plan describing procedures to be implemented to protect life, property, and the environment.

Although this letter does not constitute a requirement for you to submit a contingency plan to this office, we believe that developing a contingency plan (43 CFR 3162.5-1(d)) and conducting inspections at regular frequencies could be an effective method of ensuring compliance with Federal requirements.

We appreciate all steps you can take to be proactive in taking the above measures. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Hanson of this office at (307) 684-1141.

Sincerely,


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