

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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April 30, 2015

Ref: 8P-W-WW

Robert W. Kirkwood – President Wesco Operating, Inc. PO Box 1650 Casper, WY 82602

Re: Notification of Stay Wesco Operating, Inc. – Sheldon Dome and Winkleman Dome Facilities NPDES Permit Nos. WY-0025232 and WY-0025607

Dear Mr. Kirkwood:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 8 issued to the two above-referenced NDPES permits (Permits) to two oil and gas facilities owned and operated by Wesco Operating, Inc. (Wesco) on March 12, 2015. On April 14, 2015, Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) and the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) filed petitions for review of these permits (Appeal Nos. 15-04 and 15-05). On April 30, 2015, your company filed a summary petition (Appeal No. 15-02) indicating your intent to file a final petition by the deadline imposed by the Environmental Appeals Board. This letter serves as notification pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 124.16(a)(2) of those permit conditions that are stayed as a result of the filed petitions for review.

The following contested conditions or non-severable uncontested conditions of the Permits are stayed until final agency action under 40 C.F.R. § 124.19(l)(2):

Part 1.3.1. – All requirements under this part are stayed.

Part 1.3.2. – All requirements under this part are stayed.

Part 1.3.3. – All requirements under this part are stayed.

Part 1.3.4. – All requirements under this part are stayed.

Part 1.3.6. – All requirements under this part are stayed.

Part 1.3.7. – All requirements under this part are stayed.

Part 1.3.8. – All requirements under this part are stayed.



The remaining conditions in NPDES Permits WY-0025232 and WY-0025607 are uncontested and severable from the permit conditions listed above and, in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 124. 16(a)(2)(i), will become fully effective enforceable obligations of the permit 30 days after the date of mailing of this notification. If you have any questions about this letter, please contact Everett Volk in our Office of Regional Counsel at 303-312-7290.

Sincerely,

Darcy O'Connor Acting Assistant Regional Administrator Office of Partnerships and Regulatory Assistance

Cc: Environmental Appeals Board

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## **Certificate of Service**

I, Everett Volk, hereby certify that true and correct copies of EPA Region 8's Notification of Stay for Wesco Operating, Inc. were served:

## Via the EPA's E-Filing System to:

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