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July 11, 2025

Jason Conway  
Environmental, Health and Safety Manager  
Matador Production Company  
2901 Via Fortuna #600  
Austin TX 78746  
Sent by electronic mail to: Jason.conway@matadorresources.com

**Notice of Violation for Matador Production Company, AQB Case No. AMDV-Multi-2401**

Dear Mr. Conway,

The New Mexico Environment Department ("NMED") has identified Matador Production Company ("Matador") as having violated state and federal regulations for air quality. This Notice of Violation (NOV) is regarding the Amen Corner Central Tank Battery (CTB) (Agency Interest (AI) 38439), Firethorn CTB (AI 38441), Nandina CTB (AI 38838), Pinestraw CTB (AI 38863), and Red Bud CTB (AI 38438), ("Facilities") owned by Matador. The location, permit numbers at the time of the violations, and identifying information for the facilities are found in Attachment A.

Pursuant to the NMED Delegation Order effective June 23, 2025, the Cabinet Secretary ("Secretary") has delegated to the Environmental Protection Compliance and Enforcement Bureau ("EPCEB") Chief the authority to seek administrative enforcement for alleged violations of the United States Clean Air Act ("CAA"), the New Mexico Air Quality Control Act ("AQCA"), federal and state regulations, and the air quality permits issued thereunder. The EPCEB is the Bureau within the NMED responsible for identifying air quality violations.

This NOV is issued pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 74-2-5.1(A), which states that NMED's "investigations shall be reduced to writing if any enforcement action is contemplated, and a copy shall be furnished to the owner or occupants of the premises before the action is filed."

**Alleged Violations**

Matador submitted monthly emissions inventories for operating months from May 2024 to October 2024 pursuant to a corrective action in Settlement Agreement and Stipulated Final Compliance Order (SASFCO) AQB 23-60. During review, the Department identified exceedances of the pound per hour (pph) emission limits for flares at five (5) Facilities.

The investigation found evidence of the following violations of the Facilities' permits and regulations.

1. Matador exceeded flare pound per hour (pph) emission limits of Nitrogen Oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), Carbon Monoxide (CO), Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), Sulfur Dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), and/or Hydrogen Sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) during the months of May 2024 to October 2024, at the five Facilities in violation of General

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Construction Permit – Oil and Gas (GCP-O&G), Specific Condition A106.C and the certified and approved emission limits in Registration Forms.

2. Matador failed to submit the initial and final excess emissions reports (EERs) for the emissions exceedances from May 2024 to October 2024, in violation of GCP-O&G, General Condition B110.E and 20.2.7.110.A(1) and (2) New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC). 20.2.7 NMAC requires submittal of the initial EER before the end of the next regular business day after discovering the excess emission and submittal of a final EER no later than ten (10) days after the end of excess emission. On June 2, 2025, Matador submitted all past due initial and final EERs.

Please note that the Facilities will appear on NMED's Enforcement Watch as a result of this NOV (see: <https://www.env.nm.gov/enforcement-watch/>). Further, NMED may issue a press release to local media highlighting your facility as appearing on this webpage. Your facility will remain on the Enforcement Watch website as an active matter until this matter is fully resolved, including the payment of the assessed civil penalty.

You may obtain a copy of the AQB Civil Penalty Policy located on the Compliance and Enforcement website at: <https://www.env.nm.gov/air-quality/compliance-and-enforcement/>.

#### **Requested Information**

In the response to this NOV please provide this information for each violation:

1. A description of the cause of the violation;
2. Documentation of the steps taken to correct the violation to date; and
3. Documentation of the steps taken or to be taken to prevent the recurrence of the violation.
4. *Matador shall notify NMED within **10 working days** of submitting all required excess emissions reports (EERs) pursuant to 20.2.7.110 NMAC, for excess emissions events that occurred before the date of this NOV. If Matador will not be submitting EERs, **within 10 working days of the date of this NOV**, Matador shall provide an explanation why it will not be submitting them.*

With the documentation, please include specific, measurable, and time-bound changes made or to be made addressing any problems causing the violations. Attachment B has been included at the end of the NOV and can be used as a checklist for organizing the response.

Use these instructions to submit the response:

1. All correspondence pertaining to this NOV must be submitted under cover of a properly completed Reporting Submittal Form, emailed to the Enforcement Specialist (contact information below). A copy of the form can be found online at: <https://www.env.nm.gov/air-quality/compliance-and-enforcement/>
2. Submit requested information according to the deadlines in this NOV.
3. Any documents claimed as Confidential Business Information (CBI) pursuant to 20.2.1.115 NMAC must be submitted in separate electronic files from non-CBI documents and identified as CBI.
4. If files cannot be submitted by electronic mail, contact the Enforcement Specialist to request a link to a file transfer platform, or submit records on a thumb drive mailed to the Environmental

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Protection Compliance and Enforcement Bureau-Air C&E Section, 525 Camino de los Marquez, Suite 1, Santa Fe, NM 87505 to the attention of Kerra Roudebush.

5. Please include any facts, information, or documentation to refute the alleged violations, with the requested information.

After receiving the response to this NOV, NMED may send a settlement offer or compliance order outlining the penalties and corrective actions associated with each of the violations. As NMED's review of the alleged violations is ongoing, NMED reserves the right to assert additional violations at the Facilities if new information becomes available.

If you have questions or believe any statement in this notice is erroneous, please contact Kerra Roudebush, Enforcement Manager, at (505) 699-9627 or at [kerra.roudebush@env.nm.gov](mailto:kerra.roudebush@env.nm.gov). If you are represented by counsel, please contact Chris Vigil, Assistant General Counsel, at (505) 469-4696 or [ChristopherJ.Vigil@env.nm.gov](mailto:ChristopherJ.Vigil@env.nm.gov).

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

*Bruce Baizel*

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Division Director

Compliance and Enforcement Division, New Mexico Department of Environmental Quality

cc: Chris Vigil, Assistant General Counsel, NMED  
Kerra Roudebush, Enforcement Manager, EPCEB  
Traven Boeck, Environmental and Regulatory Engineer, Matador

Attachments

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Attachment A

Facility information

| Facility Name   | AI #  | GCP O&G # | Lat / Long            |
|-----------------|-------|-----------|-----------------------|
| Amen Corner CTB | 38439 | 7835-M4   | 32.023171 -103.25782  |
| Firethorn CTB   | 38441 | 7836-M5   | 32.077584 -103.273082 |
| Nandina CTB     | 38838 | 8189-M3   | 32.082300 -103.30260  |
| Pinestraw CTB   | 38863 | 8217-M5   | 32.165108 -103.287681 |
| Red Bud CTB     | 38438 | 8217-M5   | 32.077582 -103.286218 |

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Attachment B

This form must be completed and signed by the facility's Responsible Official (Title V) or other designee and returned no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this Notice of Violation. Documentation for additional information (in addition to this form) must be submitted electronically to Enforcement Manager Kerra Roudebush at [kerra.roudebush@env.nm.gov](mailto:kerra.roudebush@env.nm.gov).

All submittals must be submitted using the Reporting Submittal Form. The Reporting Submittal Form and instructions can be located at: <https://www.env.nm.gov/air-quality/compliance-and-enforcement/#>.

*I hereby verify that Matador Production Company has initiated the required additional information response outlined in this Notice of Violation. The following information has been submitted or will be submitted by the dates indicated below for each violation. All required documentation will be submitted electronically according to the deadlines in this Notice of Violation.*

Date NOV received: \_\_\_\_\_

*Alleged Violation 1*

\_\_\_\_\_ *A description of the cause of the violation*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Documentation of the steps taken to correct the violation to date*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Documentation of steps taken (or to be taken) to prevent recurrence of this violation (include date if not yet completed)*

*Alleged Violation 2*

\_\_\_\_\_ *A description of the cause of the violation*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Documentation of the steps taken to correct the violation to date*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Documentation of steps taken (or to be taken) to prevent recurrence of this violation (include date if not yet completed)*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Matador shall notify NMED within **10 working days** of submitting all required excess emissions reports (EERs) pursuant to 20.2.7.110 NMAC, for excess emissions events that occurred before the date of this NOV. If Matador will not be submitting EERs, **within 10 working days of the date of this NOV**, Matador shall provide an explanation why it will not be submitting them.*

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**Signature**  
Printed Name:  
Title:

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**