

BC Oil and Gas Commission

Quarterly Enforcement Action Summary

October 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015

The BC Oil and Gas Commission (Commission) is the provincial regulatory agency with responsibility for regulating oil and gas activities in British Columbia, including exploration, development, pipeline transportation and reclamation.

This summary provides a quarterly overview of enforcement actions undertaken by the Commission in 2015. Please contact ogc.communications@bcogc.ca with any questions or comments.

Orders – issued if there is a failure to comply with the Oil and Gas Activities Act (OGAA), associated regulations, permits or authorizations, or a previous order.

Tickets – issued under the authority of provincial acts for which the Commission has regulatory responsibility, including the Water Act, Land Act and Forest Act.

Administrative penalties – levied in the event of a contravention of OGAA, in accordance with the act and regulation.

Charges – recommended to Crown counsel for prosecution and possible court conviction.



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*Compliance categories with no enforcement actions issued during this quarter have not been listed.

ORDERS

Operator	Location	Legislation	Description
Canadian Natural Resources Ltd.	Dawson Creek	Order 2015-033 49(1)(b)	Cease water withdrawals and submit a site reclamation plan. Compliance ongoing.
Ish Energy Ltd.	Fort St. John	Order 2015-034 49(1)(a)	Suspend wells in accordance with regulations and submit inactive wellsite suspension, abandonment or reactivation plan. Order terminated.
Terra Energy Corp.	Fort St. John	Order 2015-035 49(1)(a)	Suspend or abandon wellsites and submit program for approval. Order terminated.
Penn West Petroleum Ltd.	Fort St. John	Order 2015-036 49(1)(a)	Suspend wells in accordance with regulations and submit inactive wellsite suspension, abandonment or reactivation plan.



ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES

Operator	Location	Legislation	Amount	Description
Richlyn Energy Ltd.	Fort St. John	Section 82 OGAA	\$20,000	Failure to comply with an order.