

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION 8

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Ref: 8WP-SUI

Claude Pupkin American Shale Oil, LLC 110 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 201 P.O. Box 1470 Rifle, Colorado 81650

Re: Permit Expiration

Permit No: CO52154-08524 UIC Well: AMSO T-1P Rio Blanco County, Colorado

Dear Mr. Pupkin:

This letter is to notify you that Underground Injection Control Well Permit CO52154-08524 has expired under the terms of the Permit. We have received documentation that the AMSO T-1P Well (Well) has been plugged and abandoned and no longer operates as a UIC well.

American Shale Oil, LLC, maintains surety bond No. CMS251729 effective January 12, 2012, in the amount of \$20,000 and an associated standby trust agreement to demonstrate financial responsibility for the plugging and abandonment of this Well. On August 29, 2016, the Environmental Protection Agency Region 8 (EPA) received a letter from RLI Insurance Company stating intent to expire surety bond No. CMS251729. On November 18, 2016, American Shale Oil, LLC, submitted a successful Plugging and Abandonment report for the Well. The EPA concurs that the Well has been properly plugged and abandoned and has approved the return of the original surety bond and standby trust agreement, and has enclosed both documents. Please alert your assigned trustee, Citibank N.A., of receipt of this letter.

Please contact Wendy Cheung of my staff at (303) 312-6242 with any questions regarding the Permit expiration. Please contact Benjamin D'Innocenzo regarding the release of financial assurance at dinnocenzo.benjamin@epa.gov or at (303) 312-6342.

Sincerely,

Darcy O'Connor

Assistant Regional Administrator Office of Water Protection

## Enclosures (2)

cc: Bill Merrill, Western Water & Land, Inc.

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