Air Enforcement: Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and Gonazlez Oil and Gas Facility Enter into Settlement Agreement

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The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality ("LDEQ") and Infinity Oil and Gas, L.L.C. ("IOG") entered into a March 31st Settlement Agreement ("SA") addressing alleged violations of an air permit. See SA-MM-26-0011.

The SA addresses an oil and gas facility that IOG is stated to own and/or operate in Ascension Parish, Louisiana.

LDEQ is stated to have conducted an inspection at the facility on May 31, 2023. The following violations were allegedly identified:

- Failure to maintain the records of the actual average Benzene emissions of the glycol dehydration unit.
- Failure to keep records of the maintenance conducted on the stationary reciprocating internal combustion engine ("RICE") in order to demonstrate the stationary RICE was operated and maintained in accordance with the maintenance plan.
- Failure to use installed air pollution control facilities whenever there are any emissions which can be controlled by the facilities.
- Failure to obtain a permit prior to operating the facility.
- Failure to upon detection of a release of oil to the environment, to clean up and manage properly the released used oil and other materials.

IOG denies it committed any violations or that it is liable for any fines, forfeitures, and/or penalties.

A civil penalty of $6,000 is assessed.

A copy of the SA can be found here.