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Field Compliance Overview

• "Oh _____No!

What we look for when we look for it!

Enforcement Type and Action

- Water Pollution Controls
- Largest area of violations that are written
- Close to a Fourth of all that were written fall in this area

Three things that are Important

- Keep it behind Pipe
- Keep it off the Ground
- Keep it out of the Water

Abandoned Wells

- This is a violation that is increasing as more enforcement action is being taken
- Production needs reported and must be recorded with the Office of Oil & Gas
- Operators know that the well must be in operation and producing for twelve consecutive months

Failure to Notify

• If you have one of the "Oh ---- No" incidents you must call in within the 24 hours. I know from past experiences that the discovery process can be ugly

Violations By County

- This is since 2011.
- There were violations or orders written in 29 counties.
- 420 violations in all.
- The top three were 87, 70, and 53.
- No county is named in order not to single anyone out.

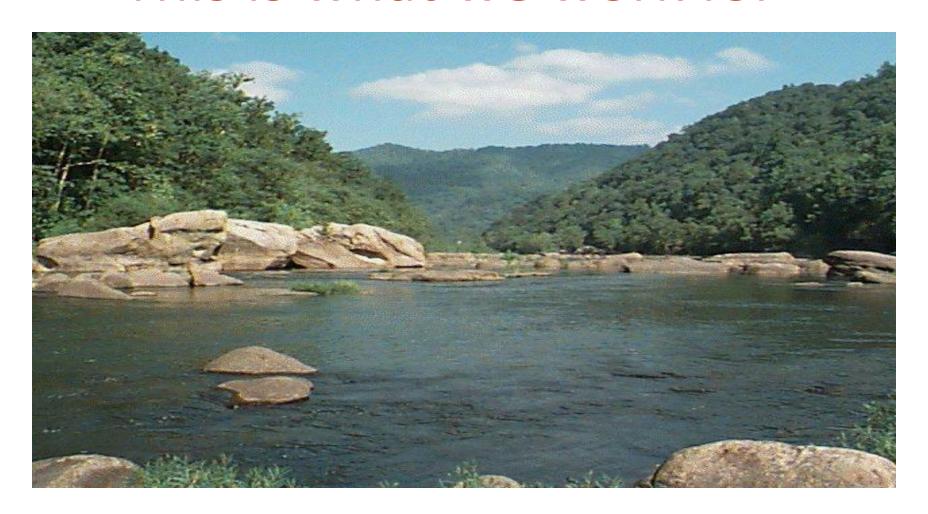
Disclaimer

- Any reference to an individual or a company is purely accidental.
- All pictures and text have been screened in order to avoid intentional reference to an operator or an individual.
- So if it happens to be you or yours please don't scream out "Oh my God that's me."

Pictures Don't Lie

• The following are in no particular order and do not rank in levels of severity.

This is what we work for



Not This!



Do We See A Problem Here?



Sediment Control In Stream?



A Bad Day?



More of the Same



And The Day Gets Worse



And Worse!



REALLY?



And This Just Happened?



And This is an Accident?



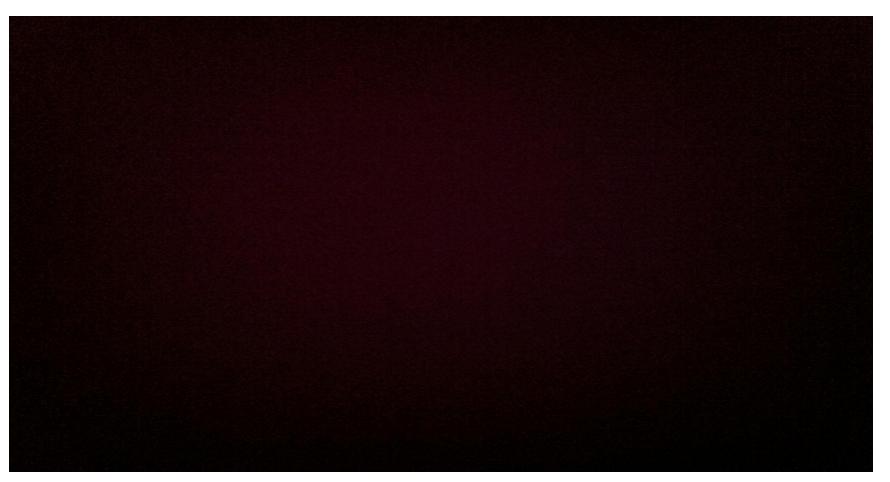
OOPS!



Now This Is Dumb!



A Word On Collisions!



This is the Other End!



THE END!

