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**Subject:** RE: Oxy-Martha Creek CTB (30-015-10323) 2RP-2653  
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**Attachments:** 4.WaterColumn.pdf

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Sheldon,

There seems to be conflicting data on the depth to groundwater in this area. The OCD has reason to believe groundwater will be encountered at a shallower depth, almost certainly less than 100 feet (see attached). Please review and adjust your site ranking accordingly. Further delineation will be required before excavation depths can be approved.

OCD approval does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations fail to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that may pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve the operator of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, local laws and/or regulations.

If you have any questions or concerns, and for notification, please contact me.

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Heather,

I hope you had a good Christmas. The work plan for the Martha Creek CTB is attached. Please review it and let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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