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To: ["David Adkins"](#)
Cc: [Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD](#); [Kimberly M. Wilson](#); [Christopher_Jones@oxy.com](#)
Subject: RE: Oxy-Martha Creek CTB (30-015-10323) 2RP-2653
Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2015 8:35:00 AM
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RE: Oxy * Martha Creek Gas Com Battery * 30-015-10323 * 2RP-2653

David,

Thank you for the confirmation samples. Your backfill request is approved.

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Cc: Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD; Kimberly M. Wilson; Christopher_Jones@oxy.com
Subject: FW: Oxy-Martha Creek CTB (30-015-10323) 2RP-2653

Hello Heather,

Attached please find the recent lab data from our confirmation sampling event for the above referenced project. I've also attached a copy of the approved work plan for your convenience. This is for the recent release on the location. We are respectfully requesting permission to backfill and restore the location for the client.

With regard to your comments below about the previous release that occurred within the tank battery last year (DOR: 4/8/2014, 2RP-2272); verbal permission was obtained from BLM and OCD to hand-excavate the impacted soil to the extent feasible within the battery to the top of rock. This was done and over 200 cubic yards of contaminated soil were disposed of at Lea Land. It would have been extremely difficult to do more work in the tank battery than was safely accomplished at that time - without total removal of the existing infrastructure. Kim and I subsequently took a meeting with Mr. Bratcher and verbal permission to backfill the tank battery was obtained. We would be happy to meet with you and Mike on the subject of the previous incident if need be.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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From: Patterson, Heather, EMNRD [<mailto:Heather.Patterson@state.nm.us>]
Sent: Thursday, January 15, 2015 2:18 PM
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Kimberly,

This work plan is approved with the following exceptions:

- Exact excavation depths cannot be approved without a full delineation;
- Chlorides are to be further delineated, with a target goal of 250 mg/kg;
- All confirmation samples are to be lab verified for TPH and Chlorides;
- Field PID readings will be accepted for BTEX values only;
- OCD must review and approve confirmation samples before excavation is backfilled.

The OCD would also like to inquire about an earlier spill at the same location. A 60bbl release within the walls of the battery was reported, but to my knowledge we have not received a work plan (DOR: 4/8/2014, 2RP-2272).

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From: Kimberly M. Wilson [<mailto:kwilson@talonlpe.com>]
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Hello Heather,

Please find attached the amended work plan for the above location. I changed the site ranking and the proposed remedial actions.

Please let me know if you have further questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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Subject: FW: Oxy-Martha Creek CTB (30-015-10323) 2RP-2653

Kimberly,

I saw that you resubmitted this last week. This is the response I sent out to Sheldon while you were out of the office.

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Cc: Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD; Kimberly M. Wilson
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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.

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From: Sheldon Hitchcock [<mailto:slhitchcock@talonlpe.com>]
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Subject: Oxy-Martha Creek CTB (30-015-10323) 2RP-2653

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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