

## Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD

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**From:** Tucker, Shelly <stucker@blm.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 23, 2015 2:49 PM  
**To:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD  
**Cc:** Gonzales, Clair; Tavarez, Ike; Patterson, Heather, EMNRD  
**Subject:** Re: SM Energy - Geronimo Tank Battery and ESDU #2 - Work Plans - Approval Request

I was checking on the status of this site.

The BLM approval/acceptance does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that may pose a threat to groundwater, surface water, human health or the environment or if the location fails to reclaim properly. In such an event that the location does not revegetate, or future issues with contaminants are encountered, the operator will be asked to address the issues until the contaminant issues are fully mitigated and the location is successfully reclaimed. In addition, BLM approval does not relieve the operator of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state or local laws/regulations.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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On Wed, Sep 9, 2015 at 12:17 PM, Tucker, Shelly <[stucker@blm.gov](mailto:stucker@blm.gov)> wrote:

RE: SM Energy \* Geronimo Battery (Fed 1) \* 30-015-24927 \* G-24-18s-31e \* Eddy County, NM \* Date of release: 2/5/15

SM Energy \* EDSU 2 \* 30-015-25847 \* P-13-18s-31e \* Eddy County, NM \* Date of release: 1/29/15

The BLM accepts/approves your work plans for the above referenced releases and concurs with all NMOCD stipulations.

The BLM requests notification prior to backfilling and reseedling activities.

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On Thu, Aug 20, 2015 at 3:33 PM, Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD <[mike.bratcher@state.nm.us](mailto:mike.bratcher@state.nm.us)> wrote:

RE: SM Energy \* EDSU 2 \* 30-015-25847 \* P-13-18s-31e \* Eddy County, NM

NMOCD Tracking Number: 2RP-2777 \* Date of release: 1/29/15

Ms. Gonzales,

Sorry for the delayed response. The proposal for remediation of the above referenced release, formulated by Tetra Tech, is approved with the following conditions of approval:

- In the area identified as AH-3, OCD does request a minimum 4' excavation to facilitate placement of liner at 4' bgs, or, excavation to 6.5' with no liner required.

- In the areas identified as AH-5 and AH-7, OCD does request a deeper delineation for chloride impact. Target goal will be 250 mg/kg, to a practicable depth, or to natural background. This delineation may be for documentation only, unless data indicates a remedy is required.
- Like approval by BLM.

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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**From:** Gonzales, Clair [mailto:[Clair.Gonzales@tetrattech.com](mailto:Clair.Gonzales@tetrattech.com)]

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 18, 2015 1:41 PM

**To:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD

**Cc:** Tavaréz, Ike

**Subject:** FW: SM Energy - Geronimo Tank Battery and ESDU #2 - Work Plans - Approval Request

**Importance:** High

Good Afternoon,

Referencing the email below, you previously approved the SM Energy – Geronimo Tank Battery work plan; was the ESDU #2 also approved? If not, I have attached the report for your review so that we can begin scheduling remediation activities.

Thank you,

### ***Clair Gonzales***

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**From:** Tavaréz, Ike  
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**Cc:** [tsimpson@sm-energy.com](mailto:tsimpson@sm-energy.com); [bgeries@sm-energy.com](mailto:bgeries@sm-energy.com)  
**Subject:** RE: SM Energy - Geronimo Tank Battery and ESDU #2 - Work Plans - Approval Request

RE: SM Energy \* Geronimo Battery (Fed 1) \* 30-015-24927 \* G-24-18s-31e \* Eddy County, NM

NMOCD Tracking Number: **2RP-2889** \* Date of release: 2/5/15

Ike,

Your proposal for remediation of the above referenced release is approved. Please advise if any portion of the impacted area is proposed to be deferred until closure of facility. Federal sites will require like approval by BLM.

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**From:** Tavaréz, Ike [<mailto:Ike.Tavaréz@tetrattech.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, June 02, 2015 3:47 PM

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**Subject:** SM Energy - Geronimo Tank Battery and ESDU #2 - Work Plans - Approval Request

Mike and James,

Please find the enclosed SM Energy - Work Plans for the above reference spill sites located in Eddy County, New Mexico. The spills have been assessed and the remedial recommendations are included in the work plans. Once approved, Tetra Tech will schedule the soil remediation and notify you prior to implementing the work plans. Please let me know if you need additional information or call me if you have any questions, thanks

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