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**Subject:** RE: Work Plan Devon's Cottontail 16 St Com #1H  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 05, 2016 2:23:16 PM  
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Good Afternoon, Vernon,

NMSLO respectfully requests a surface restoration plan for the area off of the pad. We have recently released a new procedure for surface restoration on state trust land which I have included below. Please feel free to call me with any questions that you may have.

**NMSLO Surface Reclamation and Remediation:  
Revegetation and Noxious Weed Management Plans**

Any site remediation or reclamation proposal involving State Trust Land, including any proposal requiring the authorization of the NMOCD, must be accompanied by a Revegetation and Noxious Weed Management Plan. The Plan must be approved by NMSLO staff prior to implementation. In addition, the NMSLO will NOT release the operator from the responsibility of revegetating the surface site until the final report has been submitted, the work approved, and all other requirements are met.

The goal is to achieve native plant cover and diversity levels equal to or exceeding the natural potential levels in undisturbed soils adjacent to the project area. The Plan should include the following:

Seed mix (native seed only), seeding rate/acre, method of dispersal, timing of dispersal, follow up monitoring plan, a re-seeding plan if initial efforts are unsuccessful, a plan for addressing noxious weeds, and a final report. The report should include a brief narrative of the seeding and monitoring efforts plus photos of the seeding process and of the revegetated area.

The Noxious Weed component of the Plan should include identification of the species of concern and the methods used to eradicate those species from the site. Eradication techniques may include mechanical treatment, chemical treatment, follow-up and monitoring. Submittals should be sent directly to Ms. Amber Groves, NMSLO Remediation Specialist, at [agroves@slo.state.nm.us](mailto:agroves@slo.state.nm.us) or call 575-392-3697 for more information.

All seed mixtures submitted for approval must specify pounds of pure live seed per acre. The seed shall contain no primary or secondary noxious weeds. Commercially sold seed will be either certified or registered seed.

Once the report has been submitted and the work approved, the NMSLO will provide

acknowledgment that remediation requirements have been met.

Thank you,

**Amber Groves**

*Remediation Specialist*

*Field Operations Division*

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**From:** Patterson, Heather, EMNRD [mailto:Heather.Patterson@state.nm.us]

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**RE: Devon \* Cottontail 16 State Com 1H \* 30-015-42321 \* 2RP-3554**

Vernon,

Your remediation proposal for the above listed location is approved. Please provide a bottom hole confirmation sample at SP4 to ensure you have reached RRAL's in this section.

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.

Heather Patterson

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**NMOCD District II**  
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**From:** Vernon Black [<mailto:vblack@hungry-horse.com>]  
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**To:** Patterson, Heather, EMNRD; [agroves@slo.state.nm.us](mailto:agroves@slo.state.nm.us)  
**Subject:** Work Plan Devon's Cottontail 16 St Com #1H

Good Afternoon Ladies,

Pease see the attached remediation work plan for the above referenced location. All feedback will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks in advance for your help,  
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Hobbs, NM 88241  
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