

**From:** Tucker, Shelly  
**To:** [Raley, Jim](#)  
**Cc:** [Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD](#); [Pruett, Maria, EMNRD](#); [Blaney, Karolina](#)  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] WPX - EP USA 5  
**Date:** Thursday, September 20, 2018 9:35:51 AM

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Jim....sorry it took so long but had to get some items cleared. You are now cleared to proceed with off site remedial activities.

1. The release point **did not impact any known archaeological area.**
2. The point of release occurred on and off location but is **covered under a previous survey**, no additional surveys will be required.
3. This area is located within a **Medium cave/karst zone.**
4. This site is cleared of flood zones, active playas, but **is located within ~350' near an intermittent stream**, etc.
5. Area is noted to be within **1-15% slope.**
6. Soils are within the **Upton-Simona complex**
7. **BLM Seed Mix #3 (Shallow mix)** will be required.
8. The site is **NOT** located in DSL habitat or LPC habitat. No other T&E species noted (animal or vegetative) within this area.
9. Site is **NOT** located within Potash
10. Site is **NOT** located within a Special Area of concern.
11. Site **IS** located within a RMP ACEC: **Desert Heronries and Chihuahuan Desert Rivers.**
12. Site is **NOT** located within CRA BLM Special Status Plant Species.

Note...if the release is on location you have standing approval to remove impacted material. You only need authorization for off location areas.

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

Sincerely,

*Shelly J Tucker*

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**activities accordingly. Check for African Rue...treat (before it gets out of control).**

On Tue, Sep 18, 2018 at 11:43 AM Tucker, Shelly <[stucker@blm.gov](mailto:stucker@blm.gov)> wrote:

I am working on getting the clearance on a heronry in the area.

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On Tue, Sep 18, 2018 at 10:17 AM Raley, Jim <[James.Raley@wpenergy.com](mailto:James.Raley@wpenergy.com)> wrote:

Shelly,

There was an approx 8 bbl release of oil emulsion on the EP USA #005 on 9/18/2018. The majority of the impacts were isolated to the well pad surface. However, a small area to the east of the pad was also impacted approx 50 ft off pad. **WPX seeks permission from BLM to take the following initial response actions for this off-site area: excavate and dispose of obviously impacted soils, delineate the off-site spill area to determine if further excavation is required.**

A C-141 will be filed with NMOCDC within the next 14 days.

Attached is a map of the spill area as well as some photos of the off-site impacts.

EP USA #005

N-26-26S-29E    660 FSL    1980 FWL

API: 30-015-25020

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