

## Venegas, Victoria, EMNRD

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**Sent:** Friday, August 30, 2019 3:47 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: Work Plan Conditional Approval - Ascent - Emperor Oil Co. Fed Gas B Com #1 - (2RP-5409)

### Closure Report Ascent Emperor Oil Co. Federal Gas B Com #001

Ms. Pons;

There are a couple of issues with the Closure Report on the Ascent Emperor Oil Co. Federal Gas B Com #001 2RP-5409:

- Regarding sample point SP-10 Bottom 1' (sample point AH-15 @1ft in the Remediation Plan): both samples points appear to be at the same position next to the pump jack. In the remediation plan, DRO concentration at sample point AH-15 @1ft was 28000 mg/kg at 1ft interval. In the closure report, EXT DRO concentration is 19.6 mg/kg. We do not understand how you go from 28000 mg/kg to 19.6 mg/kg in the same interval. Please provide an explanation.
- By rule, the final report must include:
  - (a) a scaled site and sampling diagram;
  - (b) **photographs of the remediated site prior to backfill**;
  - (c) laboratory analyses of final sampling; and
  - (d) a description of all remedial activities.

Please provide pictures of the excavation prior to backfill.

Regards,

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**Subject:** Work Plan Conditional Approval - Ascent - Emperor Oil Co. Fed Gas B Com #1 - (2RP-5409)

Rebecca,

We have received your Workplan/Remediation Proposal for **2RP-5409 Emperor Oil Co Fed Gas B Com #1**, thank you. This Workplan/Remediation proposal is approved under the following conditions:

Please excavate and remove soil in the pasture at sample points AH-5, AH-6, AH-7 until DRO+GRO are <100 mg/kg. Additionally, excavate and remove soil on pad at sample points AH-12, AH-13, AH-14, AH-15 until DRO+GRO are <1000 mg/kg. Please let us know if you have any issues excavating around equipment.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Regards,

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**Subject:** [EXT] Remediation-Work Plan Ascent Emperor Oil Co. Federal Gas B Com #001

Thank you for all of the help. I have attached the Remediation-Work Plan for the referenced location. Upon your review please provide me with your concurrence or conditions for approval.

Best Regards,

Rebecca Pons



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**Subject:** RE: [EXT] revised-signed Ascent C-141

**RE: [EXT] revised-signed Ascent C-141 Emperor Oil Co. Federal Gas B Com#001. DOR 03/12/2019**

All,  
The OCD tracking number for this release event is **2RP-5409**.  
Thank you,

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Hi Amalia,  
My apologies for the delay, as I have been awaiting signature from the representative with Ascent Energy, and it has been a Monday for sure :/  
Thank you

Best Regards,

*Rebecca Pons*



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Thanks Rebecca,

We shall wait for your C-141 re-submittal. 😊

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Hi Amalia and team,

I apologize for my impatience; as I am dealing with an impatient customer, who is receiving pressure from not only the State but the BLM as well. We have took proactive measures by Micro Blazing the pasture area, however Jim Amos with the BLM has contacted me regarding the remediation plan. I really appreciate all of your assistance with this. Have a great weekend.

Best Regards,

*Rebecca Pons*



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