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Robert, EMNRD; Venegas, Victoria, EMNRD

Subject: [EXT] COG - RJ Unit #108 (4-17-19) 2RP 5417 - Approval Request

Mike and Kelsey,

COG has started the remediation at the RJU 108 located in Eddy County, New Mexico. As mentioned in the work plan, Plains Pipeline has an underground pipeline running through some of the impacted areas. COG proposed to remove the impacted soil, expose the Plains underground line and install a plastic liner underneath the line. Plains has informed COG that this pipeline has been inactive for some time and may be too fragile, and instructed COG not to perform any removal of impacted soil around or underneath the line. Plains also requested a 5 foot buffer from the line during our remediation. In light of Plains concerns, COG will excavate to the edge of the 5 ft. buffer zone to the appropriate depths and install the liner along the line, and will not excavate or install a liner below the line. Let me know if need additional information or call me if we need to discuss, thanks

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RE: COG - RJ Unit #108 (4-17-19) 2RP 5417 - Approval Request

Mr. Tavarez,

OCD has received your Remediation Plan for RJ Unit #108 (4-17-19) **2RP 5417**, thank you. This Remediation Proposal is approved with the following condition of approval:

• The final confirmation sample protocol will be five-point composite samples representative of 1000 square feet. However, if any wet or discolored staining is observed, a grab sample will need to be collected as well.

Sorry for the delay in getting this approved. Regards,

Victoria Venegas EMNRD OCD-District II Artesia NM Victoria.Venegas@state.nm.us

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 groundwater, 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, or local laws and/or regulations.

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Ike,

It looks like I may have dropped the ball on this one. I just got with Victoria and she should have a response to you shortly. Sorry for letting slip away from away from us.

Thanks,

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Mike,

I wanted to follow up on the approval status for the COG - RJU #108 release located in Eddy County, New Mexico. COG uploaded the work plan on September 24, 2019, but we have not received a response on the plan. The BLM has approved the work plan and we are ready to schedule the proposed remediation at the site. I have attached the work plan for your review. Let me know if you have any questions or comments on the plan, thanks

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