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Subject: NAB1921934485 JAMES RANCH UNIT SWD RISER @ FAB1921933161 2RP-5557

Attachments: (C-141 Remediation Plan) NAB1921934485 JAMES RANCH UNIT SWD RISER @

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Mr. Littrell,

The OCD has denied the submitted Deferral Request/Closure Plan C-141 for incident # NAB1921934485 JAMES RANCH UNIT SWD RISER @FAB1921933161 2RP-5557

for the following reasons:

The release is overlying an area considered to have high potential for karst occurrence. The lease road cannot
be deferred. More remediation efforts are needed @ sample points SW09 and SW10. OCD agrees that the area
around the SWD riser cannot be excavated further without compromising the structural integrity so the deferral
request will be approved.

The Denied C-141 can be found in the online image file. Please review and make the required correction prior to resubmitting through the fee portal.

Thank you,

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