

## Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD

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**From:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD  
**Sent:** Monday, August 01, 2011 11:55 AM  
**To:** 'Cliff P. Brunson'  
**Subject:** RE: Oxy-Jones Canyon 4 Fed. #5: soil sampling question

Cliff,

I didn't realize the flow path was that long. However, as I understand it, the proposal is to remove 1' of impacted material all the way along the flow path, as practicable. If that is correct, OCD would not require the surface sample analysis from SP 7, as that material is going to be removed. The 1' sample from SP 7 was well within closure limits. I would suspect BLM will require confirmation samples prior to backfilling any of the excavation. Since the flow path is so long, I would request maybe 3 or so sample points be established at intervals along the flow path (excavation) just for confirmation, after excavation.

I am just sending this to you, but if you need to distribute, feel free.

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**Date:** Thu, 14 Jul 2011 19:23:32 +0000

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Reference: OXY \* Jones Canyon 4 Fed 005 \* 30-015-30933 \* G-4-22s-24e \* DOR-4/6/11 \* 2RP-762

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