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Mr. Mike Bratcher
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1301 West Grand Avenue
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Re: Liberty 24 Federal Com. No. 1 (API No.30-015-33094, U/L D S24 T25S R26E) Pirate Brine Spill Disposition Update

Dear Mr. Bratcher:

Attached please find a copy of the recent analytical results taken from samples procured from the pad of the Liberty 24 Federal Com. No.1 pirate brine spill areas. On 10 September, Cimarex provided NMOCD with a letter constituting a *Corrective Action Work Plan & Final Remediation Report* for the release of approximately 130 barrels of brine water covering the pad as a result of pirate dumping on the location. Simultaneously the initial report Form C-141 filed on 6 September and the final report Form C-141 was appended.

Since this time and pursuant to NMOCD's request to obtain samples of the pad, Cimarex has also attempted to further define the events of this dumping such that possible legal recourse could be evaluated. Therefore please note, one of the attached analytical results provides fingerprinting data used as a scientific investigative tool to assist in identifying the truck driver who engaged in the "pirate dumping" action. It is Cimarex's current intention to proceed along these lines with the authorities to see if this individual can be identified. As you can tell from the laboratory analyticals, the produced water from our location matches the spill on the pad. Thus, the produced water was pumped into the truck and deposited immediately onto the pad while generally circling around the wellhead.

Consequently, Cimarex hereby requests that NMOCD allow us time to pass this information and other possible evidence onto investigative authorities prior to disturbing the area wherein the crime was committed. Once this has been accomplished, we will notify NMOCD for further disposition on cleanup mandates for this location. It is our desire to pass the analytical information onto authorities this week.

Thank you for your patience with us during this time. We do appreciate the opportunity to pursue possible identification of the driver.

Should you have questions, please call 432-571-7800 (office).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Evan Wauhob".

Evan Wauhob
Production Superintendent