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Sent: Wednesday, April 23, 2025 1:58 PM
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] NAPP2506450529 -- Variance for Groundwater Depth

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Dear Mr. Velez,

I'm reaching out regarding the remediation workplan submitted for the Lario Area 51 SWD Pipeline release (Incident ID: NAPP2506450529), located at Unit A, Section 22, Township 18S, Range 34E in Lea County, NM.

In the course of our groundwater assessment, two registered wells were identified within a ½-mile radius—one of which is listed as POD L 04531, approximately 0.4 miles northeast of the site, with a reported groundwater depth of 100 feet bgs. However, the registration data for this well appears to be outdated, and direct access was not available for confirmation.

As an additional line of evidence, a windmill located 0.7 miles north of the release was gauged directly in the field and found to be dry at a depth of 100 feet. No groundwater was encountered during this direct measurement. We've included supporting photos in Appendix D of the workplan.

Given this, we respectfully request a variance to use the > 100 feet bgs groundwater closure criteria in accordance with NMAC 19.15.29.12(C)(2), based on site-specific conditions and direct field verification. If you are able to assist, we would also appreciate the official well number and most recent available data for the well located within the half-mile radius, to supplement our documentation.

Please let me know if you need any additional details or clarification.

Sincerely,

Jason Owsley
Project Manager



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Re: [EXTERNAL] NAPP2506450529 -- Variance for Groundwater Depth

From Velez, Nelson, EMNRD <Nelson.Velez@emnrd.nm.gov>

Date Wed 4/23/2025 3:17 PM

To Jason Owsley <jasono@diamondbacknm.com>

Good afternoon Jason,

Thank you for the correspondence. It was good to talk with you today and I will disregard the next to last statement in your email. Your variance to use the windmill located 0.7 miles from the incident which you had directly measured for depth to water being >100 feet is approved. I'll apply this within the remediation plan submitted.

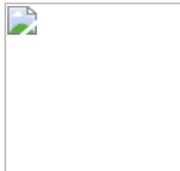
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Have a safe and pleasant day!

Regards,

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