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Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2010 3:05 PM
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Subject: CA Russell Battery

Reference: Linn Operating - CA Russell 019 (Battery) Well API:-30-015-28294 B-18-17s-31e Eddy County, New Mexico -
OCD reference number: 2RP-392

ATTN: Daniel Frick, Linn Operating

Mr. Frick,

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) is in receipt of a proposal for remediation of the tank battery located just East of the above referenced well site. Remedial actions are required due to a release of produced fluids that occurred at the battery site on or about February 9, 2010. The remediation proposal, dated March 1, 2010, was submitted to OCD by your contractor, Elke Environmental, Inc. Subsequently, an amendment to the original proposal, dated April 6, 2010, has been received by OCD.

The proposal, as amended, is approved with the following conditions/stipulations:

- Notify OCD 48 hours prior to commencement of activities.
- Notify OCD 48 hours prior to obtaining samples where analyses of samples obtained are to be submitted to OCD.
- Contaminated material that was excavated from the battery site and is currently stockpiled on the CA Russell 19 well site is to be hauled to disposal. Confirmation samples are to then be obtained from the stockpile area and submitted for lab analysis.
- Remediation project is to be completed, and, a closure report with a form C-141 marked Final Report submitted to OCD, not later than May 15, 2010.
- Conditions of approval may be subject to modification as site conditions warrant.
- Like approval by BLM as applicable.

It was noted during OCD inspection that one of the storage tanks in this battery has an approximate ¼" size hole in the lower third portion of the tank. The hole was plugged with a piece of wood.

Be advised that this approval does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that may pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, this approval does not relieve the operator of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, local laws and/or regulations.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

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