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Re: Settlement Agreement, OCD Case #15475

Mr. Ragsdale,

The Oil Conservation Division ("OCD") has reviewed all materials submitted to date with respect to characterization of historic releases at the Blue Dunn #1, the Curry Federal #2, the Triple A Federal #2, the Newkumet Federal #1, and the Curry State #5. Per Section I, paragraph 2, subparagraph d (iii) of the Amendment to Settlement Agreement of October 6, 2016 ("Amendment"), field reports were to be submitted to the OCD for all sites before close of business on January 2, 2017. Reports were not received by the OCD until March 7, 2017. Several of those reports remain incomplete despite countless discussions and meetings with Siana Operating, LLC ("Siana") representatives.

Nonetheless, based upon our review of the information provided, lateral and vertical characterization of soil contamination appears to have been adequately determined for both the Blue Dunn #1 and Newkumet Federal #1 release sites. As per Section I, paragraph 2, subparagraph d (iv) of the Amendment, a workplan for remediation of both sites, including a timeline by which Siana will commence remediation must be submitted to the OCD for our review **no later than June 5, 2017**. It does not appear that groundwater has been impacted at either of these sites, thus the time to complete remediation must not exceed 90 days from commencement of cleanup activities. See Amendment Section I, para. 2, subpara. d (iv).

Complete characterization of soil contamination has <u>not</u> been achieved to the OCD's satisfaction at the Curry Federal #2, Triple A Federal #2, or Curry State #5 release sites. At the Curry Federal #2 site, information regarding soil contamination from a number of soil boring locations has not been provided to the OCD, but it has been expressed by Siana representatives that horizontal characterization of hydrocarbon contamination has not been determined. The vertical extent of chloride contamination at this site has not been determined either. With respect to the Triple Federal #2 site, the vertical extent of chloride contamination has not been determined. Regarding the Curry State #5 release site, the lateral extent of soil contamination with

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hydrocarbons has not been determined in areas to the west. As per Section I, paragraph 2, subparagraph d (iv) of the Amendment, additional field work at all three of these sites must be completed and comprehensive reporting submitted to the OCD for our review **no later than June 5, 2017**.

Respectfully,

Jim Griswold

Environmental Bureau Chief

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