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**From:** Hansen, Edward J., EMNRD  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 28, 2008 9:06 AM  
**To:** 'Darrel\_Lester@oxy.com'  
**Cc:** 'Rebecca\_Moore@oxy.com'; Johnson, Larry, EMNRD; Price, Wayne, EMNRD  
**Subject:** 1R454 - Approval for Extension of Closure Activities at the Centurion Pipeline - Denton Gathering System Release Site

Dear Mr. Lester:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) has reviewed your request, dated April 28, 2008, for an extension to initiate and complete the NMOCD-approved closure activities at the above-referenced site. Per my telephone conversation with Becky Moore of last Thursday, the NMOCD understands that closure activities have been initiated at the site. However, additional time will be required to complete the closure. Therefore, the NMOCD hereby approves the request for extension for completion of closure activities at the site until Monday, August 25, 2008. Please submit a closure report to the NMOCD within 15 days after completing the closure activities.

Please be advised that NMOCD approval of this extension does not relieve the owner/operator of responsibility should operations pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, NMOCD approval does not relieve the owner/operator of responsibility for compliance with any NMOCD, federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 505-476-3489.

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April 28, 2008

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Mr. Wayne Price  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division  
1220 S. St. Francis Drive  
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VIA: Facsimile and Certified Mail

Subject: Extension Request for Closure 1R454  
Centurion Pipeline, LP – Denton Gathering System Release  
Section 11 – Township 15S – Range 37E

Dear Mr. Price,

The subject project has previous closure approval from the OCD dated February 27, 2008. Centurion Pipeline is prepared to move forward to close this project; however, due to the time involved with land owner negotiations an additional 120 days to initiate and complete the project is requested.

The OCD district office in Hobbs and the landowner shall be notified three days in advance of remediation activities. The closure work plan will achieve the objectives desired by the OCD for remediation at the site and activities will adhere to the work plan approved.

We appreciate your time and consideration. If you have any questions please call me at 432-686-1479 or email me at Darrel\_Lester@oxy.com.

Sincerely,  
Centurion Pipeline, LP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Darrel Lester', is written over a circular stamp. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Darrel Lester  
HES / Regulatory Compliance Leader

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cc: Larry Johnson, OCD District Office, Hobbs, NM



# NEW MEXICO ENERGY, MINERALS and NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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November 22, 2005

Mr. Michael R. Whelan, PG  
Environmental Manager  
Atlantic Richfield  
(A BP Affiliated Company)  
501 Westlake Park Blvd., Room 20.101D  
Houston, TX 77079

RE: Closure Work Plan  
BP Pipelines, NA – Denton Gathering System  
Section 11, Township 15 South, Range 37 East  
Lea County, New Mexico

Dear Mr. Whelan:

The New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (OCD) is in receipt of the closure work plan for the Denton Gathering System remediation project submitted by your consultant, Delta Environmental Consultants, Inc. Based upon the information provided in the closure work plan and previously submitted technical data the OCD herewith approves the procedures for closure of the site.

Previous data collected by Delta Environmental Consultants, Inc. and submitted to the OCD indicated that no ground water under the site was impacted from the pipeline spill. No further ground water investigation will be required and OCD approves the closure of the ground water investigation. The ground water monitoring wells that have been constructed on the site are approved for plugging and abandonment with the stipulation that all appropriate activities will be performed in accordance with applicable federal, state or local rules and requirements.

The three proposed closure procedures which have been submitted in the closure work plan and covered in various meetings and telephone discussions will achieve the objectives desired by OCD for remediation at the site and are herewith approved. Stipulation that all activities shall adhere to the work plan proposals is a condition for approval. A final closure report shall be submitted to the OCD Santa Fe office within 30 days after completion of closure activities.

Mr. Michael R. Whelan, PG  
Denton Gathering System Closure  
November 22, 2005  
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Please be advised that OCD approval of this plan does not relieve BP Pipelines NA of responsibility should remaining contaminants pose a future threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. Additionally, OCD approval does not relieve BP Pipelines NA of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

If you have any questions contact me at (505) 476-3489.

Sincerely,



W. Jack Ford, C.P.G.  
Environmental Bureau  
New Mexico Oil Conservation Division

cc: OCD Hobbs District Office  
Mike Henn, Delta Environmental Consultants, Inc.