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**To:** "[Sheldon Hitchcock](#)"  
**Cc:** [Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD](#); [David Adkins](#); [Hughes, Solomon](#); [Billings, Bradford, EMNRD](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Oxy-Winston Gas Com Battery Work Plan (30-015-28633) 2RP-2858  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 29, 2015 12:57:00 PM  
**Attachments:** 3.WaterColumn.pdf

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RE: Oxy \* Winston Gas Com Battery \* 30-015-28633 \* 2RP-2858

Sheldon,

Based on the ChevronTexaco Trend map, the OSE website, and a closure report from a release on the same location, the OCD has determined that groundwater here is less than 50'. Possibly less than 25'. The site ranking for this release should be **20**. There is also concern about the elevated hydrocarbons present in your background sample. This area will also have to be addressed. The proposed work plan will not be adequate to ensure groundwater protection.

The OCD will require the entire affected area (including the background) to be excavated to the full extent possible. All areas are to be treated with a bioremediation agent. The OCD will require both bottom hole and sidewall confirmation samples. If these samples do not come back clean, the excavation is to be left open (with the exception of the lease road), treated again, and resampled. This process may be repeated as many times as necessary.

The OCD would prefer to see this process started before the monsoon rains begin.

OCD approval does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations fail to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that may pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD 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, and for notification, please contact me.

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Heather,

There was some confusion on whether or not you have received this. We have BLM approval, I just wanted to confirm that you are ok with the work plan.

Respectfully,

**Sheldon L. Hitchcock**

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