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Subject: Federal AB #13H

Mr. Amos,

I have taken over the responsibility of the Federal AB #13H spill that occurred on October 16, 2011. Jeremy Haass was the agent covering the remediation of this spill and has been promoted to Air Quality. I would like to know the status of this spill on your end. I have inspected the area and would like to have some additional work performed on the site. Mr. Brown (Yates Ranch Manager) and I visited the site a couple of weeks ago and we noticed a few areas where improvements could be made. The lower portion of the impacted area (down the hill) has some really good grass growth. On the slope and up next to the battery, growth is slow but there is some vegetation coming through. Nothing desirable, but it brings hope to the area. We noticed that some of the manure had either blown or eroded away and could really use some type of erosion controls and time. I wanted to suggest the use of mulch socks to help with erosion controls versus mechanical means which would hinder the area. I believe that the site just needs some more time and rain to establish. Last year's manure application was a great idea, but with the lack of rain and the high temperatures left the ground with only hope of reclaiming. We are finally getting some rain and I believe that with more time and moisture the area would begin to re-vegetate. These last two years have been hard when it comes to the re-vegetation of reclamation sites within the Pecos Valley. Please let me know where we are on your side and if an extension could be added to this site for reclamation purposes.

Thanks!

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