

## **Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD**

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**Sent:** Thursday, August 31, 2017 10:24 AM  
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**Subject:** RE: WPX MWJ Federal 1 - oil spill

RE: RKI E&P (WPX) \* MWJ Fed 1 \* 2RP-4297 \* DOR: 6/26/17

Karolina,

Your characterization proposal for the above referenced release is approved. At some point, OCD does request analytical data from the "east finger" (adjacent to S3) so you may want to include that area in your characterization. It is OCD's understanding that on the data chart, the second line should read (S1) 3.5' BGS.

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

Thanks,

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**Subject:** RE: WPX MWJ Federal 1 - oil spill

Good afternoon,  
Attached is the characterization plan for the MWJ Fed 1 spill.  
Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions.  
Thank you and have a great weekend,

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**Subject:** WPX MWJ Federal 1 - oil spill

Good morning Amber,

I apologize for not notifying you sooner, I thought that this was a Federal surface and Federal minerals which is obviously wrong.

The spill was immediately mapped with GPS in order to define the horizontal extent of the spill. We excavated the top 2-2.5' of the area that was impacted by the spill to prevent further vertical migration of the salt impacts. Would you like us to submit the ROE permit for that activity?

After the initial excavation activities were completed, 6 samples were collected from 3 sampling locations (see attached map and lab data). The hydrocarbon impacts are either ND or way below the cleanup standards. The chloride concentrations are elevated. WPX would like to ask for SLO's permission to pothole the sampling location #2, the highest chloride concentrations, to delineate the extent of vertical impacts. After the delineation is completed, WPX will send a remediation proposal for prior approval.

Please let me know if this approach is acceptable to you.

Thank you so much for your help and once again, I apologize for the mistake.

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RE: RKI/WPX \* MWJ Federal #1 \* 30-015-24262 \* 2RP-4297

Karolina,

Sorry for the delay on this one. It and quite a few others had been misplaced. I have included a scanned copy of the signed Initial C-141 Remediation Permit along with an attached Conditions of Approval. The OCD tracking number for this event is 2RP-4297. Considering the delay OCD will accept release characterization work plans 15 days from today's date.

OCD was onsite at this location on 7/28/17 to perform a site inspection. Photos from the inspection have been attached to this email.

Since I have this in my system as State surface and Federal minerals, and didn't get full confirmation on what was true, I am also including Amber Groves from the State Land Office.

**Please note:** I was also looking in the files for this site location to see if there were any other remediations that we needed an update on and I came across case number 2RP-3235. Could we get an update on that one. I have attached the last document we have on file regarding this release. An even older release from 2015 I found still had open 2RP-2783. On the initial C-141 it was written as 11bbls lost 11bbls recovered and validation for these volumes was that all stayed on pad. Please provide lab sample confirmations that this release has been remediated and we can close this one out.

Thank you,

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Good afternoon,

Attached is the C-141 for the MWJ Federal 1 oil spill.

Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions.

Thank you and have a great weekend.

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**Subject:** WPX MWJ Federal 1 - oil spill

Good afternoon,

WPX had an oil spill this afternoon, 6/19/17, at 1:00 pm at the MWJ Federal 1 pad. API #30-015-24262; A-35-26S-29E. The cause is equipment failure; corroded hole on the bottom of the oil tank. 106 bbls of oil leaked into the secondary containment, saturated the containment berm and migrated ~150' south of the pad through a dry drainage. 45 bbls of oil was recovered. The impacts in the drainage were delineated and are about 1' deep.

WPX would like to ask for BLM's permission to excavate the drainage as soon as possible. There are no arch sites south of that pad.

I will be sending the C-141 report within the next 15 days however, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions.

Thank you,

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