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**From:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 4:37 PM  
**To:** 'Tucker, Shelly'; Adrian Baker  
**Cc:** Weaver, Crystal, EMNRD; jamos@blm.gov; Littrell, Kyle; Ashley Ager  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Urgent Backfill request/Closure Request PLU #279 Flow Line/2RP-4624

RE: 2RP-4624

OCD concurs with BLM

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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.

**From:** Tucker, Shelly <stucker@blm.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 16, 2018 4:25 PM  
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BLM approves your backfill request.

**NOTE: LPC Timing Stipulations are in effect - from March 1st through June 15th. Please plan remedial activities accordingly. Check for African Rue...treat (before it gets out of control).**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

*Shelly J Tucker*

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On Mon, Apr 16, 2018 at 3:47 PM, Adrian Baker <[abaker@ltenv.com](mailto:abaker@ltenv.com)> wrote:

Crystal and Mike,

Please see the attached closure request reporting remediation and sampling activities for a recent release at the PLU #279 Flow Line/2RP-4624 for XTO Energy. XTO is requesting NMOCD approve backfill immediately for the PLU #279 flow line site since the excavation area is located alongside an active oil field road. XTO excavated impacted soil and laboratory results from confirmation soil samples indicated the impacted soil has been removed.

Can you please let me know if this request can be expedited?

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Kyle Littrell at XTO.

Thank You,

Adrian Baker

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