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**Sent:** Thursday, June 27, 2019 8:56 PM  
**To:** Hamlet, Robert, EMNRD; Ashley Ager  
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**Subject:** [EXT] RE: Deferral Approval - XTO - Poker Lake Unit 52 Battery (2RP-5314) 3.3.19

Hi Robert,

Thank you for the clarification on the denial. This email serves as an update for remediation activities conducted at the Poker Lake Unit 52 Battery (2RP-5314). XTO began remediation activities in response to the deferral request denial, and the conditions listed below required for approval, however work on the wellhead at the site is preventing further excavation and delineation of the impacted soils. Non-essential staff are not permitted on site due to safety concerns while the work is being performed. XTO will proceed with excavation and delineation once the work on the wellhead is complete and it is safe to proceed. A remediation work plan or deferral report will be submitted by October 1, 2019.

Thank you,

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Ashley,

I took a second look at this plan and decided to Approve the deferral with the following conditions: All the floor samples be excavated to a depth that contamination amounts are under the limit.

One issue we have with deferrals is that some deferred sample points aren't fully delineated. Potholes are drilled in the spill site, but not necessarily near the deferred sample point where contaminants are left in place. So, there's a bit of a judgement call of whether a pothole 30-40 feet away is really representative of what's going on at the deferred sample point. In this case the PH01 sample point is within about 10-15 feet of the deferred "SW03" sample point.

In the future, with XTO doing so many of these deferrals, please try to make sure that one of the deeper potholes if possible is nearby to the deferred sample point(s), so we can gauge how deep the contaminants go and what will be left in place.

Thank you,

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**Subject:** [EXT] RE: Deferral Denied - XTO - Poker Lake Unit 52 Battery (2RP-5314) 3.3.19

Hi Robert,

Are pothole samples PH01A @ 10' and PH03B @ 6' insufficient for vertical delineation? Both of those samples are clean at depth. If you need more, can you provide some guidance on additional samples you would require for deferral? Feel free to call me if it's easier to discuss.

Thanks,  
Ashley

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**Subject:** Deferral Denied - XTO - Poker Lake Unit 52 Battery (2RP-5314) 3.3.19

Ashley,

We have received your deferral request for (2RP-5314) Poker Lake Unit 52 Battery, thank you. The deferral request is denied.

Before we can approve a deferral the spill needs to be vertically delineated. All of the Floor samples are over the limit in either Chlorides and/or TPH. The OCD request that samples be taken to a depth that contamination amounts are under the limit.

Regards,

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**Subject:** [EXT] Deferral Request - PLU 52 Battery (2RP-5314)

On behalf of XTO, attached is a deferral request for the PLU 52 Battery (2RP-5314) for your review.

Thank You,  
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