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**Subject:** Deferral Approval - XTO - Poker Lake Unit 421H Bat -(2RP-5588) 7-20-2019  
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Kyle,

LT Environmental's deferral request for the 2RP-5588, requests to backfill the existing excavation and complete remediation during any future major well pad construction/alteration or final plugging and abandonment, whichever occurs first. The areas requested for deferral are identified on the site map as soil samples SW17 and BH01 collected from the final excavation extent. The OCD appreciates XTO using the hydro-vacuum to remove as much soil as safely possible from the vicinity of the pipeline. The areas have been delineated and documented in the report. At this time, OCD approves this request. The Final Report C-141 will be accepted for record and marked accordingly. The release will remain open in OCD database files and reflect an open environmental issue. This is a Federal site and will require like approval from BLM.

Regards,

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