# State of New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department

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March 31, 2015

Mr. Scott Heffner Trinity Environmental SWD, LLC 13443 Highway 71 West Bee Cave, TX 78738

## **RE:** Administrative Order SWD-1333; Third Extension of Deadline

Oxy Doc Slawin Federal Well No. 1 (API 30-015-33180) 460 FSL, 640 FWL; Unit M, Sec 29, T17S, R31E, NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico Order Date: May 16, 2012

Injection into the Bone Spring and Wolfcamp formations; approved interval: 7762 feet to 9362 feet

### Mr. Heffner:

Reference is made to your request on behalf of Trinity Environmental SWD, LLC ("Trinity") for an additional six (6) month extension of the May 16, 2015, deadline to commence injection into the above named well for reasons outlined in the attached correspondence. Division notes that Trinity has recently acquired this well with its injection authority from the previous operator that had requested two six-month extensions based on similar reasons.

It is the Division's understanding from your request that there have been no significant changes in the information provided in the application submitted for review and approval of this order. These changes include the completion of new wells within the Area of Review that penetrated the approved injection interval and any changes in ownership.

The Division finds that granting this request to extend this administrative order is in the interest of conservation, will prevent waste, and will protect the environment.

All requirements of the above referenced administrative order and agreements in the application remain in full force and effect.

SWD-1333: Third Extension of Deadline

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The deadline to commence injection for the existing order is hereby <u>extended until November 16</u>, <u>2015</u>.

Sincerely,

DAVID R. CATANACH

Director

DRC/prg

cc: Oil Conservation Division – Artesia Office

Well File API 30-015-33180

SWD-1333

Bureau of Land Management - Carlsbad Field Office

# TRINITY ENVIRONMENTAL SWD, L.L.C.

13443 HIGHWAY 71 WEST BEE CAVE, TEXAS 78738

March 24, 2015

New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Dept. Attn: Mr. Phillip Goetz Oil Conservation Division 1220 South St. Francis Dr. Santa Fe, NM 87505

RE: Administrative Order SWD-1333

Oxy Doc Slawin Fed #1 API# 30-015-33180

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

Trinity Environmental SWD, LLC, respectfully requests a six month extension of the most recent subject SWD order extension set to expire in May of 2015. This order has been extended twice in the past due to delays in the BLM permitting process. Trinity has diligently pursued the BLM for approval of the re-entry APD originally filed by Judah in May of 2014. Our efforts were rewarded this month with an approved BLM re-entry APD.

We continue to work with the BLM to obtain approvals of the needed pipeline ROW filed last year for transportation of produced water from our produced water facility to the well. This latest extension request is due to the previous delays experienced and our continued efforts to obtain approved pipeline ROW, the requirements of location preparation and coordination of services for the re-entry, and the requirement in the latest permit extension to be injecting into the subject well by May 16, 2015. In order to have sufficient time to be injecting into the subject well Trinity feels 6 months is a reasonable amount of time to accomplish all these tasks and requirements.

To support our request a review of the ownership and well information in the Area of Review was conducted. There were no changes in the number of wells or their status. There was one company that our landman indicated may be a change in ownership since the original application was filed. The company is Rorkes Drift LLC located in Artesia, NM. We've had experience with attempting to notify this company on a different C-108 application submitted in January of this year. We could not find a working number to contact this company, and our internet search for this company indicated that it may be defunct.

Please let us know if you require any other information for consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Scott E. Heffrer

Chief Operating Officer

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### **BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

New Mexico State Office P.O. Box 27115 Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-0115 www.blm.gov/nm

Statewide Bond 3104 (92200-emr)

February 25, 2015

### **DECISION**

Principal:

Trinity Environmental SWD, LLC

13453 Highway 71 West

Austin, TX 78738

Surety:

Platte River Insurance Company

115 Glastonbury Blvd.

Glastonbury, CT 06033

BLM Bond No.: NMB001237

Surety Bond No.: 41289021

Bond Type: SW/OG/NM

Bond Type: Sw/OO/NNI

Bond Amount: \$25,000.00

Execution Date: May 7, 2014

### Statewide Oil and Gas Surety Bond Accepted

The bond described above has been examined and found satisfactory. The bond is accepted effective February 20, 2015, the date filed in this office.

The bond constitutes coverage of all operations conducted by or on the behalf of the principal on Federal leases in the State of <u>New Mexico</u>. The bond provides coverage of the principal where that principal has interest in, and/or responsibility for operations on, leases issued under the authority of any of the Acts cited on the bond form. Federal leases do not include Indian leases.

The bond will be maintained by this office. Termination of liability under the bond will be permitted only after this office is satisfied that there is no outstanding liability on the bond or satisfactory replacement bonding coverage is furnished.

If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Rivera at (505) 954-2162.

Gloria S. Baca

Supervisory Land Law Examiner

Gloria S. Baca

Branch of Adjudication

cc:

Platte River Insurance Company

# Goetze, Phillip, EMNRD

From:

John M <jcm@maxeyengineering.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, March 04, 2015 4:27 PM

To:

Goetze, Phillip, EMNRD

Cc: Subject: Kevin Rogers; Dana King SWD-1333, Oxy Doc Slawin Fed #1

Phillip,

I'm working for Trinity Environmental SWD LLC who is an operator in New Mexico. They recently purchased Judah Oil's SWD business in New Mexico. Prior to the purchase, Judah had received admin approval of the subject SWD permit on May 16, 2012. Judah submitted a BLM APD to reenter the well, and the BLM APD process fell behind forcing Judah to ask the OCD twice for extensions on the SWD permit. The latest extension has an SWD order expiration deadline of May 16, 2015. Last year Trinity bought Judah's SWD business and they have recently figured out that the APD is still outstanding, and APD approval had not been secured. That is when they asked me to look into it.

I called the BLM two weeks ago and they in fact had the APD and had not finished it, it had fallen through the cracks. I have been working on deficiencies that the BLM needed to cure, and with that progress they told me today they would issue the APD this week. The problem is that in order for Trinity to build the location, accomplish the reentry and set the well up for injection, build the injection facility, and prep for putting online, puts the company in jeopardy of the SWD order expiring before injection can be commenced.

For that reason Trinity respectfully requests an extension of SWD-1333 so that the reentry can be done without jeopardizing the project by losing the SWD permit by expiration. I spoke with Trinity today and they believe a good buffer for them would be a 6 month extension beyond the May 16, 2015 expiration date.

Please let me know if you need any additional information for consideration of this request, and thank you for your consideration.

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