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**From:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD  
**Sent:** Friday, May 04, 2012 8:52 AM  
**To:** 'Fred Holmes'  
**Cc:** 'Ron Ragland'; 'Danny Homier'; 'Daniel Frick'  
**Subject:** RE: LINN Energy - Skelly A Produced Water Tank - Amended Corrective Action Plan

Reference: Linn Operating \* Skelly A Battery (Skelly Ut 128) \* 30-015-22262 \* A-22-17s-31e \* Eddy County, New Mexico  
Date of Release/discovery: 3/13/12 \* OCD Tracking Number: 2RP-1071

Fred,

After review of the proposal for remediation, submitted for cleanup of the above referenced release, OCD would prefer to see option 2 utilized as the remediation/reclamation process. While OCD would prefer to see as much of the contaminated material removed as possible and practicable, I would agree that there are safety and other concerns involved with excavating around active and high pressure product lines. In addition, I do not believe that in this instance, utilization of a liner would be practicable. I would definitely not want to see any active below grade lines covered with a liner. In regards to proposal (item) number 3, there may be some benefit from irrigating the site, but with the highly unconsolidated sands that exist below the release site, it would be my opinion that, provided we actually do ever get rain again, the salts that are proposed to remain in place, should naturally attenuate downwards, out of the root zone. In the interim, the calcium layer should alleviate any negative impact on getting the vegetation process started.

BLM would need to be in agreement with your proposal also, but if we need to meet to discuss, that could be accommodated.

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**From:** Fred Holmes [<mailto:fred@etechenv.com>]  
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**To:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD  
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**Subject:** LINN Energy - Skelly A Produced Water Tank - Amended Corrective Action Plan

Mike:

Per our telephone conversation last Thursday, please find attached the revised corrective action plan for the LINN Energy, Skelly A Produced Water Tank release for your review and approval.

Thank you for your assistance on this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

*Fred Holmes*

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