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Subject:

Gentlemen,

This notification is in regard to the following location and undesirable event:

Event Number: NU12004TG Event Date: 10/6/2011 Event Name: J L Keel A 14 Legals: T17S/R31E, sec. 7, NWNW

The NU12004TG spill on the J L Keel A 14 has been excavated. On 11/16/11, an onsite inspection of the excavation was conducted in tandem with a review of lab analysis on this spill site. The spill had been excavated to greater than 7 feet across the spill area and had been cleaned up to below closure in most areas and to two areas that still were slightly above closure at 7 feet in the side walls (1,300ppm). No groundwater issues on this spill location. Verbal approval was given to close the site dependent upon like approval from the OCD. On 12/07/11, I conducted an inspection of the final dirt work on the J L Keel A 14 spill reclamation. Surface topsoils have been replaced, surface contour has been restored, and erosion control has been installed. Some minor modifications are needed in the erosion control so that some blocked areas of the road can be accessed for seeding operations, but other than that, it looks very good.

The location has not yet been seeded. (BLM seed mix #2 and #4, 50-50 mix).

I need to have a general idea of when the Operator plans to schedule the seeding of this site. In addition, you will need to notify me three days in advance of seeding so that the seeding can either be witnessed or inspected shortly thereafter to verify that the site has been seeded.

The spill case cannot be closed until all surface reclamation has been completed, including the seeding. At the point where the location is seeded, I will be able to close out the spill case and place it into monitoring until the site revegetates fully.

Thank you for your attention to these concerns,

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