

**Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD**

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**From:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD  
**Sent:** Monday, June 06, 2011 11:16 AM  
**To:** 'Vernon Black'; jafrye@blm.gov  
**Cc:** Kelton\_Beaird@oxy.com  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Closure

Reference: OXY \* Cimarron 23 Fed 001 \* 30-015-33410 \* 0-23-26s-29e \* Eddy County, New Mexico  
NMOCD tracking: 2RP-777 \* Date of Release: 4/25/2011

Greetings,

Based on the analytical data provided for the above referenced release, and clarification from Mr. Black in our conversation this morning, the request to backfill is approved. Submittal of closure documentation is required for final closure.

OCD approval does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that may pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve the operator of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, local laws and/or regulations.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

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**From:** Vernon Black [<mailto:vernon@hungry-horse.com>]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 06, 2011 8:06 AM  
**To:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD; jafrye@blm.gov  
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**Subject:** Request for Closure

Cimarron 23 Fed #1  
API 30-015-33410  
2RP-777  
Lease NM 11038

Good Morning Gentlemen,

Please see the attachment for info regarding this request for closure at OXY's Cimarron 23 Fed #1. As a reminder, all released fluids remained inside the walls of the battery and nothing outside the battery walls was affected.  
Depth to groundwater is 100', based upon the Eddy County Depth to Groundwater Map.

The affected areas inside the battery were the east, south and west sides of the battery. The affected areas have been excavated to a depth of approximately 4' BGS. Soil samples were obtained from 5 sample points with both field test and lab analysis conducted on the samples. See the attached chart (chloride results) and sketch for corresponding sample points. The presence of TPH and BTEX was eliminated at approximately 3' BGS. Sample points 2 & 3 were the points of concern with the field test indicating higher levels of chlorides than the adjacent points. Delineation of these two points was conducted until field test indicated levels at or below closure levels at which point these samples were taken to the lab for analysis.

Based upon the information provided, I am requesting permission for closure and backfill of the excavated area. Upon approval, a final C 141 will be submitted with supporting documentation.

Please feel free to call if you have any questions regarding this project.

Thanks,  
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**From:** Vernon Black [vernon@hungry-horse.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 06, 2011 10:01 AM  
**To:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD  
**Subject:** FW: Request for Closure

Mike,

See Justin Frye's approval for closure pending your guidance on the proposal.

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**From:** [jafrye@blm.gov](mailto:jafrye@blm.gov) [mailto:[jafrye@blm.gov](mailto:jafrye@blm.gov)]  
**Sent:** Monday, June 06, 2011 9:43 AM  
**To:** Vernon Black  
**Subject:** Re: Request for Closure

Mr. Black,

I have reviewed your request for closure on this location and the sample results that you have submitted. Upon like approval from the state (OCD), the BLM would also approve the closure and backfill of the excavated area. Please let me know what Mr. Bratcher had to say about the request. Thank you for keeping me informed. Your cooperation is appreciated.

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