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The OCD has denied the submitted Closure Request C-141 for incident # NCH1819839414 for the following reasons:

• Horizontal delineation has not been completed. The values for determination of horizontal impact are derived by either "background" value as determined appropriate to Rule 29, or Table I Closure Criteria for releases where groundwater is at a depth of 50 feet or less. This is especially important for "on-pad" releases to ensure the release did not extend to the "off-pad"/pasture area. A visual footprint on the surface is not sufficient to assess the horizontal extent of the release. Lab data must be provided as evidence of delineation efforts. The surface and sidewalls samples S-1, S-8, S-9, and N., E., and W. Sidewall exceed 600 mg/kg Chlorides and/or 100 mg TPH, thus requiring additional samples beyond these points.

The Denied C-141 can be found in the online image file. Please review and make the required correction prior to resubmitting though the fee portal. If you have any questions or believe this denial is in error, please contact me prior to submitting an additional C-141.

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