

**From:** [Whitlock, Jerald](#)  
**To:** [Vernon Black](#)  
**Cc:** [Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD](#); [Zach Thomas \(zthomas@mewbourne.com\)](#); [Jim Amos \(jamos@blm.gov\)](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Maverick 13 DM FAed Com #1H Closure Request  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 12, 2014 7:52:12 AM

---

Approved to continue work. As work plan approved by NMOCD and to do interm reclamation to use soil material from this process to reclaim area.

On Mon, Aug 11, 2014 at 4:56 PM, Vernon Black <[VBlack@hungry-horse.com](mailto:VBlack@hungry-horse.com)> wrote:

Thanks Mike, I'll run it by Mr. Whitlock at BLM before we proceed.

Mr. Whitlock, please advise if you have any objections to us proceeding with the backfill of this location.

Thanks,

Vernon K. Black

Hungry Horse, LLC

PO Box 1058

Hobbs, NM 88241

575-393-3386 office

575-631-2253 cell

---

**From:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD [mailto:[mike.bratcher@state.nm.us](mailto:mike.bratcher@state.nm.us)]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 11, 2014 3:05 PM  
**To:** Vernon Black; [dwhitloc@blm.gov](mailto:dwhitloc@blm.gov)  
**Cc:** Zach Thomas ([zthomas@mewbourne.com](mailto:zthomas@mewbourne.com))  
**Subject:** RE: Maverick 13 DM FAed Com #1H Closure Request

Vernon,

Based on the analytical data presented, 2' of contaminated material removed and hauled to disposal, OCD approves your request to commence backfill operations at this site.

Federal sites will require like approval by BLM.

OCD approval does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations fail 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.

**Mike Bratcher**

**NMOCD District 2**

**811 S. First Street**

**Artesia, NM 88210**

**O: 575-748-1283 X108**

**C: 575-626-0857**

**F: 575-748-9720**

---

**From:** Vernon Black [<mailto:VBlack@Hungry-Horse.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 07, 2014 9:44 AM  
**To:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD; [dwhitloc@blm.gov](mailto:dwhitloc@blm.gov)  
**Cc:** Zach Thomas ([zthomas@mewbourne.com](mailto:zthomas@mewbourne.com))  
**Subject:** Maverick 13 DM FAed Com #1H Closure Request

Good Morning Gentlemen,

As per previous correspondence, Hungry Horse, LLC has conducted remediation activities at the release on the Mewbourne Oil Company's Maverick 13 DM Fed Com #1H. This is an active well site with accompanying battery. Please see the attached documentation in support of closure request for the site.

The first phase consisted of excavating approximately 8" of damp to saturated soil. The impacted area was divided into three sections for sampling purposes (see sketch). The results of the initial samples indicated elevated chlorides in sections 1-2. Upon receipt of lab analysis, further excavation was conducted in these two areas to approximately 2' BGS at which point additional soil samples were collected for analysis. Lab results indicated levels well below 1000 ppm. All impacted material has been transported to a division approved disposal facility.

Based upon the supporting documents, I am requesting closure approval. Fresh material for backfill is available on site (downsizing location). Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Vernon K. Black

Hungry Horse, LLC

PO Box 1058

Hobbs, NM 88241

575-393-3386 office

575-631-2253 cell

--

Confidentiality Warning: This message along with any attachments are intended only for use of the individual or entity to which it is addressed and may contain information that is privileged or confidential and exempt from disclosure under applicable law. If the reader of this message is not the intended recipient or the employee or agent responsible for delivering this message to the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination, distribution, or copying of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received this

communication in error, please notify the sender immediately.

Jerald "Duncan" Whitlock, Jr.  
Bureau of Land Management  
Carlsbad Field Office  
Environmental Protection Specialist  
620 East Greene Street  
Carlsbad, NM. 88220  
Office: (575) 234-5926  
Fax: (575) 234-5927  
Cell: (575) 361-2630  
E-mail: [dwhitloc@blm.gov](mailto:dwhitloc@blm.gov)