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**Subject:** RE: Final C-141/Closure Request: Murchison - Hackberry St. #1 Release  
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RE: Murchison Oil & Gas \* Hackberry St 001 \* 30-015-34803 \* Eddy County  
NMOCD Tracking Number: **2RP-2347** \* Date of release: 5/9/14

Ms. Pope,

Your proposal to defer clean-up of the above referenced release to the time of plug and abandonment of the well, is **denied**. The Form C-141 marked Final Report, is also **denied**. OCD will require, at a minimum, one foot of material be removed across the areas identified in green on your site map (Figure 1). The excavated material is to be disposed of at an OCD approved disposal facility.

Due to recent and ongoing rains that have occurred in the area since the last sampling event, confirmation samples will now be required in the excavated areas, with the lab results submitted to OCD for review and approval, prior to backfilling. Work at this site is to commence as soon as weather permits. Please notify the District 2 office 48 hours prior to commencement of remedial activities.

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, and for notification, please contact me.

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Mr. Bratcher:

On behalf of Murchison Oil and Gas, please find the attached closure request and submission of the final C-141 form for the **Hackberry State #1 release** located near Hope. I will be going through Artesia this afternoon and will deliver a hard copy to your office.

We appreciate your attention to this and all of our projects. Please contact me with any questions regarding this closure request.

Thank you.

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