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Subject: Re: Cimarex-Vega 9 Federal #001 Work Plan (30-015-36234)
Date: Thursday, December 18, 2014 4:37:43 PM

No, that is, indeed, the procedure; I just wasn't personally aware of the details of this release. Jim is very busy with other projects, so we will accept Ms. Patterson's approval in this instance.

This plan is approved as written with the following conditions of approval:

BLM approval of this proposal does not relieve the operator of liability, should their operations fail to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that may pose a threat to groundwater, surface water, any other aspects of the natural environment, human health, or if the location does not properly reclaim. In such an event that location does not re-vegetate, or future issues with contaminants are encountered, the operator will be asked to address the location until contaminant issues are fully mitigated and the location is successfully reclaimed. In addition, BLM approval does not relieve the operator of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws/regulations.

Bests,

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On Thu, Dec 18, 2014 at 3:05 PM, Sheldon Hitchcock <slhitchcock@talonlpe.com> wrote:

Sol,

This release was on location (inside a battery), so I sent the work plan to Jim. Has this procedure changed? I have attached the work plan so you can review it. Let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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From: Hughes, Solomon [mailto:shughes@blm.gov]

Sent: Thursday, December 18, 2014 2:20 PM

To: Patterson, Heather, EMNRD

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I'm not sure I've received any info on this at all.

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On Thu, Dec 18, 2014 at 1:42 PM, Patterson, Heather, EMNRD

<Heather.Patterson@state.nm.us> wrote:

Sheldon,

Your work plan is approved as written. Like approval by BLM is required for federal sites. Please note, this release is listed under 30-015-36713, as written in the initial C-141.

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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From: Sheldon Hitchcock [mailto:shitchcock@talonlpe.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 17, 2014 11:50 AM
To: Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD
Cc: Patterson, Heather, EMNRD
Subject: Cimarex-Vega 9 Federal #001 Work Plan (30-015-36234)

Mike,

Please review the attached work plan for the Vega 9 Fed #1. This was a heater treater fire that caused a release of 10bbbls of oil and 20bbbls of produced water. All of the impacted soil is contained within an unlined battery. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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