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Subject: NRM2014958679 SANDY FEDERAL BATTERY @ P-23-23S-30E 0N 0E

Attachments: (C-141 Closure) NRM2014958679 SANDY FEDERAL BATTERY @ P-23-23S-30E ON 0E.pdf

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Ms. Garza,

The OCD has denied the submitted Closure Report C-141 for incident # NRM2014958679 SANDY FEDERAL BATTERY @ P-23-23S-30E ON OE for the following reasons:

- The Depth to groundwater has been incorrectly assessed. The remediation levels outlined in Table 1 of 19.15.29.12 NMAC have not been established for this site.
- Confirmation samples must be analyzed for the constituents listed in Table 1; see Closure Requirements: 19.15.29.12.D.1,(a), (b), (c).
- According to the Site Characterization/Remediation Plan, the spill encompasses approximately the entire well pad. The entire affected area needs to be delineated and remediated per rule 19.15.29.11 & 19.15.29.12.
- Liner installation requires a variance. The variance request must include a detailed statement explaining the need for a variance and a detailed written demonstration that the variance will provide equal or better protection of fresh water, public health, and the environment.

The Denied C-141 can be found in the online image file. Please review and make the required correction prior to resubmitting through the fee portal.

Thank you,

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