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**Subject:** Closure Denied - Select Energy - Cowntown South - (Incident #NRM2006451912)  
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**Halie,**

We have received your closure report and final C-141 for **Incident #NRM2006451912 Cowntown South**, thank you. This closure is denied.

- When nearby wells are used to determine depth to groundwater, the wells should be no further than ½ mile away from the site, and data should be no more than 25 years old, and well construction information should be provided. If evidence of depth to ground water within a ½ mile radius of the site cannot be provided, impacted soils will need to meet Table 1 Closure Criteria for ground water at a depth of 50 feet or less.
- If you feel the depth to groundwater is >100', a shallow borehole can be drilled to 101' allowing for verification of the depth. If water is not visible after reaching bottom-hole and waiting 72 hours, the OCD will accept this as evidence. We would just need a copy of the driller's log.
- Please let us know if you drill a borehole to make a depth to groundwater determination.
- Otherwise, please continue to horizontally/vertically delineate sample points to 600 mg/kg for chlorides.

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Regards,

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