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January 28, 2021

Notice of Ineffective Permit to Drill

Colgate Operating LLC
300 North Marienfield Street, Suite 1000
Midland, TX 79701

Dear Ms. Mikah Thomas:

On January 21, 2021, this office purported to approve the following fourteen (14) applications for permit to drill (APD) submitted by Colgate Operating, LLC:

APD number 10400054930 Silver Bar 35 Fed State Com 133H
APD number 10400055173 Silver Bar 35 Fed State Com 134H
APD number 10400058087 Toro 22 Fed State Com 121H
APD number 10400058594 Toro 22 Fed State Com 122H
APD number 10400058708 Toro 22 Fed State Com 131H
APD number 10400058736 Toro 22 Fed State Com 132H
APD number 10400059729 Atlas 18 State Fed Com 122H
APD number 10400059781 Atlas 18 State Fed Com 131H
APD number 10400059797 Atlas 18 State Fed Com 132H
APD number 10400063575 Crazy Horse 32 State Fed Com 133H
APD number 10400063650 Crazy Horse 32 State Fed Com 131H
APD number 10400063651 Crazy Horse 32 State Fed Com 132H
APD number 10400064274 Crazy Horse 32 State Fed Com 201H
APD number 10400064419 Crazy Horse 32 State Fed Com 203H

At that time, however, my delegation of authority to approve APDs had been temporarily suspended by the Acting Secretary of the Interior pursuant to Secretary's Order 3395. Thus, the approvals were invalid and provide no authority for operations.

The APDs are under review, and we will transmit a final decision to you as soon as possible. We will not bring enforcement actions if you have begun ground-disturbing operations in reliance on the invalid permit prior to receipt of this notice. However, such activities are unauthorized and must now cease. Please contact me if you have any questions concerning that cessation or any other questions concerning your pending permits.

We regret the inconvenience to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tye Bryson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tye" and last name "Bryson" clearly distinguishable.

Tye Bryson, Acting Associate Field Manager

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