

April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005

Mr. Van Barton  
NMOCD  
District 2  
1301 West Grand  
Artesia, New Mexico 88210

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Re: Pit closures

Dear Mr. Barton;

COG Operating LLC requests an extension in time to close the drilling pits at the following wellsites.

COLORADO BROWN HACKLE 16 STATE No. 001

API # 3001533441

OGRID # 5898

N-16-20S-23E, 747 FSL & 1354 FWL

BOX CAR BILLY 29 FEDERAL No. 001

API # 3001533615

OGRID # 299137

M-29-20S-23E, 660 FSL & 1150 FWL

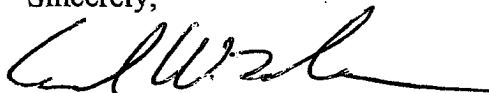
*Approved by  
Van Barton*

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This request is being made due to the large amount of water in the pits. It is requested to extend the closure period for the site for an additional 6 months in order for the water in the pit to evaporate and allow the drill cutting to dry before closure. The site will be monitored and the pits closed as soon as practical and according to State of New Mexico Pit and "Below Grade Tank Guidelines". A pit closure form will be submitted in the next few weeks for the site.

If you have any questions please contact: Erick Nelson 432-685-4342

Sincerely,



Erick W. Nelson  
COG Operating, LLC