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Re: **RP3 #** **Site Name**
 430 **Wilmuth No. 1**

Mr. Crouch:

Upon further review, the 28Mar17 closure of the release must be rescinded. This is based on the high manganese levels in the groundwater requiring further investigation. As manganese is not part of the typical contaminants observed relating to Oil and Gas contamination it was missed during the general closure review.

This finding must consider further study of background groundwater quality that has been underway. ConocoPhillips will need to proceed with the Division's previously approved plan to further investigate the background levels.

When sufficient background data has been reviewed, we will decide on this closure promptly.

Respectfully,

P.E., Hydrologist, District III

cc: Jim Griswold, Charlie Perrin, Brandon Powell, Cory Smith, Vanessa Fields