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**To:** [Patterson, Heather, EMNRD](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Work plan, Oxy Mckittrick Hills CTB  
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**From:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2014 7:50 AM  
**To:** 'David Adkins'  
**Subject:** RE: Work plan, Oxy Mckittrick Hills CTB

David,

The BTEX & TPH levels are too far above limits to close this out. I agree with what BLM wants to do, but would request additional sampling at some point. S-1 and S-2 are OK, but the rest of the sample points are too high. I understand that the affected area has likely been excavated to rock for the most part, but do agree to remove as much impacted material as possible. The best method for this site may be to perform the construction necessary to prevent run-off in case of a rain event, but leaving the shallow excavations open for a period of time and possibly a few regularly scheduled applications of Microblaze will allow for in-situ attenuation of any remaining elevated hydrocarbons.

Let me know if you want to discuss options. I haven't been to site, so I am pretty much going just off the analytical data.

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**To:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD  
**Subject:** FW: Work plan, Oxy Mckittrick Hills CTB

Hello Mr. Bratcher,

Attached please find BLM comments to the above referenced work plan. Let me know if you're ok with this, or if you'd like to add any stipulations from the OCD. Thank you.

Respectfully,

**David J. Adkins**

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**From:** Van Curen, Jennifer [<mailto:jvancure@blm.gov>]  
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**To:** David Adkins  
**Subject:** Re: Work plan, Oxy Mckittrick Hills CTB

David,

I went out and took a look at the spill site. I figured cls would not be a problem, but TPH would be. The samples represent what I had expected. At those levels, off well pad, in drainage, cattle in the area, and possible cave karst, the plan will not be sufficient. Jim and I have come to the conclusion that surface disturbance caused by the equipment will be the lesser of two evils. There needs to be as much removed as possible. After removal, micro blaze can then be used. Erosional bars made of river rock can be used to slow down any storm water drainage. The area can be seeded with alkali sacaton which will help with erosion down draw. Vegetation can also be pulled back and later used for erosion controls down draw.

To prevent this in the future, there needs to be a berm around the well pad.

If you have any questions please let me know.

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On Mon, Feb 24, 2014 at 11:20 AM, David Adkins <[dadkins@talonlpe.com](mailto:dadkins@talonlpe.com)> wrote:  
Hi Jennifer,

I'm not sure I sent this to you. Please review and comment as needed ... soon as you are able.

Thank you!

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