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**Subject:** RE: Final C-141/Closure Request: Murchison - Hackberry St. #1 Release  
**Date:** Thursday, October 02, 2014 7:01:07 AM  
**Attachments:** [Hackberry\\_Fig1.pdf](#)

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Mr. Bratcher:

Excavation was completed at this site on Tuesday, September 30. There were 2 excavations:

1. The area east of the tank (labeled as sample point #1 on the attached figure) was excavated to 40 x 23 x 2-ft to remove the bulk of the chloride-affected material. A composite sample from the excavated surface at 2-ft BGS yielded 631 mg/kg Chloride using a field test.
2. The area of the release just north of the tank (sample point #2) was excavated to 8 x 15 x 2-ft and a composite of the excavated surface was 494 mg/kg Chloride via field test.

We will request laboratory analyses for chloride on select samples. All lab and field test results will be presented in the final C-141 submission. The excavated soil is currently staged on top of a 20-mil liner on the location with an earthen berm surrounding. Based on the field test results, we would like to begin backfilling the excavation with clean material as soon as possible. Please let me know if you have any questions about this excavation. Thank you.

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Mr. Bratcher:

Thanks to you and Ms. Patterson for meeting with us last week. As we agreed, based on previous delineation data, not all of the green footprint area shown on the submitted map will require excavation. The One-Call was placed for this work immediately after the meeting, but scheduling has been a bit difficult. A break in the contractor's schedule opened up and a backhoe has become available to perform this work today.

As also discussed during the meeting, we believe the 7/29/2014 delineation data provides sufficient correlation between field and lab tests for chloride and therefore, we agreed that lab confirmation at this event is not necessary.

I will call you today with an update on these activities and field test results. Please call me if you

have any questions regarding this work.

Thanks again.

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RE: Murchison Oil & Gas \* Hackberry St 001 \* 30-015-34803 \* Eddy County  
NMOCD Tracking Number: **2RP-2347** \* Date of release: 5/9/14

Ms. Pope,

Your proposal to defer clean-up of the above referenced release to the time of plug and abandonment of the well, is **denied**. The Form C-141 marked Final Report, is also **denied**. OCD will require, at a minimum, one foot of material be removed across the areas identified in green on your site map (Figure 1). The excavated material is to be disposed of at an OCD approved disposal facility.

Due to recent and ongoing rains that have occurred in the area since the last sampling event, confirmation samples will now be required in the excavated areas, with the lab results submitted to OCD for review and approval, prior to backfilling. Work at this site is to commence as soon as weather permits. Please notify the District 2 office 48 hours prior to commencement of remedial activities.

OCD approval does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations fail to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that may pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve the operator of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, local laws and/or regulations.

If you have any questions or concerns, and for notification, please contact me.

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Mr. Bratcher:

On behalf of Murchison Oil and Gas, please find the attached closure request and submission of the final C-141 form for the **Hackberry State #1 release** located near Hope. I will be going through Artesia this afternoon and will deliver a hard copy to your office.

We appreciate your attention to this and all of our projects. Please contact me with any questions regarding this closure request.

Thank you.

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