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To: Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD
Subject: Loco Hills, NM - Turner B South Tank Battery (LINN Energy)

RE: SITE INVESTIGATION REPORT AND ABATEMENT PLAN
TURNER B SOUTH TANK BATTERY
SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 17 SOUTH, RANGE 31 EAST
LOCO HILLS, EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Mike,

I just left you a v-mail at your office...but wanted to follow-up with an email.

I was talking with Daniel Frick (LINN Energy) this morning, and he stated that based on the meeting you attended with him and other LINN personnel about this site in late January, the Abatement Plan, as we (SKA) prepared for LINN was slightly modified. That is, our January 28, 2014 Site Investigation Report and Abatement Plan that you approved in that meeting was changed to reflect the ultimate depth of the excavations will now not exceed a total depth of 4 feet below ground surface. Our Abatement Plan specifically addresses three (3) Areas of Concern. Of which, one of these areas (AOC-1) was initially proposed to be excavated to a total depth ranging from 6 to 8 feet below ground based on elevated chloride concentrations above the 1,000 mg/Kg regulatory level agree-upon in the Report. However, as Daniel indicates from your meeting with him in January, that total depth is now limited to just 4 feet below grade – based on what was described in the meeting as diminishing returns and unwarranted based on the area (as documented in the report).

Question is this: LINN and SKA want to ensure you have approved the excavations to not exceed a total depth of 4 feet below grade; although, current chloride concentrations in soil at approx. 6 to 8 feet within AOC-1 exceed the 1,000 mg/Kg regulatory standard for this site; and future confirmation soil samples ultimately to be collected from the open excavations (sidewalls and bottoms) may also exceed this 1,000 mg/Kg regulatory standard for this site. Is this accurate, as you recall from the January meeting? Please advise. Again, LINN understands the excavations will now not exceed 4 feet.

LINN is wanting to proceed with the soil excavations at the site very soon and resolve this outstanding issue. Please feel free to call or email me, at your very earliest convenience.

Thanks,

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