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From:Gregston, Terry G <tgregsto@blm.gov>Sent:Tuesday, February 28, 2012 4:21 PMTo:Fred Holmes; Bratcher, Mike, EMNRDCc:'Ron Ragland'; 'Joe Hernandez'; 'Stephen McGhee'Subject:RE:Skelly B South Unit #274 Tank Battery Backfill Request

Gentlemen,

This notification is in regards to the following location:

Event Name: Skelly B South Unit #274 Tank Battery (as per the C-141 submitted by the operator) Event Date: 09/25/11 Event ID: 11NU127TG T17S, R31E, Sec. 28, Unit letter G

We have received your backfill request and sample analysis. The BLM approves backfill of this excavation. Road surfaces should be finished with at least 6 inches of compacted caliche. Please let me know when you are ready for a final site inspection.

BLM approval of this proposal does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that may pose a threat to groundwater, surface water, human health, or the environment, or if the location fails to reclaim properly. In such an event that location does not revegetate, or future issues with contaminants are encountered, the operator will be asked to address the issues until contaminant issues are fully mitigated and the location is successfully reclaimed. In addition, BLM approval does not relieve the operator of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws/regulations.

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Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 3:30 PM
To: 'Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD'; Gregston, Terry G
Cc: 'Ron Ragland'; 'Joe Hernandez'; 'Stephen McGhee'
Subject: LINN Energy - Skelly B South Tank Battery Backfill Request

Dear Mike & Terry:

- 1. Attached is the analytical summary map and analytical data for the clearance sampling of the Skelly B South #274 Tank Battery.
- 2. Grab samples were collected from each corresponding sampling site and depth then placed in certified clean jars, labeled, and custody seals applied. Nitrile gloves were used and changed during each sample collection.
- 3. Samples were preserved according to the requirements ASATM/EPA requirements. Normal Chain of Custody procedures were observed.
- 4. LINN is requesting permission to backfill and close the site in accordance with the stipulations for the site.

Thank you for your assistance.

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