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Sent: Wednesday, January 25, 2017 3:54 PM
To: Blaney, Karolina
Cc: Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD; Weaver, Crystal, EMNRD
Subject: Re: WPX RDU 12 - initial spill notification

Karolina,

I need the GPS coords for this release. There is an ARCH site that is right against and around the area of this location. After I receive the information, we may need to meet to discuss this release so we avoid or have minimal impact to the arch site.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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On Thu, Jan 12, 2017 at 8:33 AM, Blaney, Karolina <Karolina.Blaney@wpxenergy.com> wrote:

Good morning,

WPX had a spill yesterday, 1/11/17, caused by human error; stuffing box failure. Approximately 12 bbls of oil and water was spilled with 4.5 bbls recovered from the pad. The spill migrated west of the pad, entered a dry drainage and migrated for about 100 yards. Due to access constraints, we were unable to vacuum the free standing oil from the drainage. To prevent from further migration, the oil was absorbed with dirt. The impacted area was GPS-ed and the end of the impacts in the drainage was additionally marked with a flag. We will start the excavation activities once I receive your approval.

The line locate call was placed yesterday and we should be ready to go by Monday.

Please let me know if you would like an onsite prior to the excavation activities. We will do our best to minimize the impacts but, unfortunately, I think we will damage some vegetation during this cleanup.

Please let me know if you have any comments and suggestions.

Thank you for your help,

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