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By Electronic and First Class Mail

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As HSE Supervisor of WPX Energy
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RE: Request for Confirmation of Compliance with 19.15.29 NMAC

We received your email on January 21, 2020 at 9:20am regarding the release from the APE Fee 1 wellsite (30-015-42101) at 6227 Thomason Rd, in Eddy County. It is our understanding that this release impacted people, animals and property at that location. Per 19.15.29.7(2) NMAC this is considered a "major release".

For a 19.15.29.8 NMAC, WPX must take the following immediate actions:

1. Stop the source of release and limit access to the site as necessary to protect human health and the environment;
2. Contain the materials released and prevent a threat to public health and the environment as well as monitor the release to ensure the material is effectively contained;
3. Recover any free liquids and recoverable materials that can be physically removed from the surface of the area and deliver that material to a Division approved facility; and
4. Commence remediation immediately.

Please provide confirmation of these requirements within 48 hours.

Additionally, WPX's initial notification does not provide the information required per 19.15.29.10(A)(1) NMAC. Please provide the required information within 48 hours.

In addition to the C-141 requirements for reporting a major release, and before taking any further actions, the OCD requires the following information by end of business on January 29th, if not sooner:

1. Soil sampling of the affected area;
2. Detailed composition analysis of the oil and produced water on site;
3. FracFocus disclosure for the site;
4. Verification that the flowline has been adequately fixed;
5. Delineation of the affected area, including persons, animals and property;
6. Remediation plan; and
7. WPX internal response plan for human contact with produced water.

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Please contact Jim Griswold, OCD Environmental Bureau, at 505-660-1067.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'ASandoval', with a large, stylized 'A' and 'S'.

Adrienne Sandoval
Director

cc. OCD Southern District
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