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RE: Review of Assessment Report and Remediation Workplan Regarding Release on January 21, 202 Associated with APE Fee #1 Production Well (API #30-015-42101) Located in Unit L of Section 4, Township 23 South, Range 27 East NMPM, Eddy County, New Mexico

Mr. Raup,

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has reviewed the *Assessment Report and Proposed Remediation Work Plan* dated January 29, 2020 prepared by LT Environmental, Inc. on behalf of WPX Energy regarding the release of production fluids from a flowline as described above. While the OCD generally agrees with the proposed corrective action plan described therein, additional information must be provided.

The report mentions a radiological survey undertaken in response to the release but does not provide specific documentation. Please provide OCD with the report by end of day February 3rd.

Additional soil sampling with field and laboratory analysis is proposed, but the locations of soil borings are not provided. Please provide a site map showing the approximate locations of intended borings demonstrating the release extents shown in Figure 2 of the workplan. The OCD understands the exact location and number of samples may vary based on results in the field. The OCD will need to witness the field sampling effort, please coordinate this effort with Jim Griswold, OCD Environmental Bureau.

WPX has provided the safety data sheet for general produced water, however, the OCD requires sampling and laboratory analysis of representative production fluids from the APE Fee #1 well. Please provide OCD with the results by end of day February 5th.

Please provide the requested information by the deadlines stated above, if not sooner, so that we can provide formal approval of a remediation workplan. Please contact Jim Griswold directly at (505) 476-3465 or by email at jim.griswold@state.nm.us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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