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Subject: NRM1935354566 POKER LAKE UNIT 15 TWIN WELLS RANCH #905H @ 30-015-45061
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Mr. Littrell,

The OCD has denied the submitted Closure Plan C-141 for incident # NRM1935354566 POKER LAKE UNIT 15 TWIN WELLS RANCH #905H @ 30-015-45061 for the following reasons:

- The Depth to groundwater has been incorrectly assessed. When nearby wells are used to determine depth to groundwater, the wells should be no further than ½ mile away from the site, and data should be no more than 25 years old, and well construction information should be provided. If XTO believes that groundwater is > 100', a borehole will need to be drilled onsite and a copy of the driller's log must be provided.
- If XTO chooses not to drill a borehole to confirm the depth to groundwater, the site must be remediated to meet the Closure Criteria in Table 1 for groundwater at a depth of 50 feet or less.

The Denied C-141 can be found in the online image file. Please review and make the required correction prior to resubmitting through the fee portal.

Thank you,

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OCD approval does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations fail to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that may pose a threat to groundwater, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve the operator of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.