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**Subject:** Deferral Approval - XTO - Poker Lake Unit Big Sinks 11 Fed Bat - (Incident #NAB1625934302) (2RP-3887)  
**Attachments:** Deferral Approval - XTO - Poker Lake Unit Big Sinks 11 Fed Bat.pdf

XTO's deferral requests to complete final remediation during any future major construction/alteration or final plugging and abandonment, whichever occurs first. LTE and XTO do not believe deferment will result in imminent risk to human health, the environment, or groundwater.. The areas requested for deferral are identified on the site map as "SW06", "SW07", "SW16", "SW17", and "SW18". The areas have been delineated and documented in the report. At this time, OCD approves this request. The Deferral Request and C-141 will be accepted for record and marked accordingly. The release will remain open in OCD database files and reflect an open environmental issue. This is a Federal site and will require like approval from BLM.

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