

## Hamlet, Robert, EMNRD

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**From:** Hamlet, Robert, EMNRD  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 7, 2020 2:42 PM  
**To:** 'Aaron Pachlhofer'  
**Cc:** Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD; Venegas, Victoria, EMNRD; Eads, Cristina, EMNRD  
**Subject:** RE: Open Fasken Spills - Extension

Aaron,

The OCD will grant one final extension for the clean-up and remediation of both releases. Both 1RP-5271 and 2RP-5447 have not been addressed for over 1 year and will require a closure report submitted on or before 10/7/2020. This is the final 90 day extension for both of these releases.

Regards,

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**From:** Aaron Pachlhofer <aaronp@forl.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 6, 2020 9:09 AM  
**To:** Hamlet, Robert, EMNRD <Robert.Hamlet@state.nm.us>  
**Subject:** [EXT] RE: Open Fasken Spills - deferring

Robert,

Below is our discussion of 1RP-5271 and 2RP-5447 from April 1. Fasken would like to renew the deferral again. We are while the price of oil has recovered, we are still dealing with the fall out from the price crash. Additionally, our personnel and contractors have expressed concern about working around others due to Covid-19—and also wearing the necessary Covid PPE in the summer heat presents a unique set of challenges and dangers to anyone working outside.

We would like to defer the two spills for an additional six months.

Thanks for your help with this,

Aaron Pachlhofer

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**From:** Hamlet, Robert, EMNRD <[Robert.Hamlet@state.nm.us](mailto:Robert.Hamlet@state.nm.us)>  
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**Subject:** RE: Open Fasken Spills - deferring

Aaron,

The OCD director has told us to try and work with operators. She instructed us **not** to give a blanket deferral on projects. If remediation projects are in process, please ask for a 90 extension. If necessary, we will readdress the status of these projects in 3 months.

Thanks

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**From:** Aaron Pachlhofer <[aaronp@forl.com](mailto:aaronp@forl.com)>  
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**Subject:** [EXT] Open Fasken Spills - deferring  
**Importance:** High

Robert,

Fasken has three open spills that are in progress:

1RP-5270  
1RP-5271  
2RP-5447

For 1RP-5271 and 2RP-5447, I have been directed by Fasken management to defer any further work on the projects until the price of oil rebounds. If there is anything I need to submit to the OCD, please let me know ASAP so that I can ensure that the OCD receives any submission from Fasken it needs.

1RP-5270 is nearly complete. After reviewing your recent closure request rejection and comments; there is very little additional work to be completed. It is our intention to complete this spill and submit a new closure request soon.

Thanks,



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