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I have taken the liberty of transmitting this permit application to Aaron Stockton of BLM because this location lies in an area mapped as high karst potential. While we are requesting to permit a temporary pit - this is not the standard fluid-filled reserve pit. The transmittal letter provides a reasonable executive summary. Fluids will not be stored in this pit for more than 4 days. Fluids are placed in the pit for a short time for two reasons

- 1. To distribute the solids on the bottom of the pit more evenly and
- 2. To facilitate recycling of fluids.

The application will be placed in US Mail to OCD on Monday and a Sundry notice for this pit has been submitted to BLM.

We will notify OCD and BLM when we plan to log the auger hole associated with the conductor pipe at this location. We anticipate that this field program will demonstrate that fresh water does not exist within 50-feet of the bottom of the pit. During this field program, it may be a good time for BLM to dispatch a karst expert to examine the area for any evidence that would preclude the use of a pit. OCD may wish to examine the erosional features near the pit that do not meet the definition of a watercourse under OCD Rules.

If, after field examination, BLM or OCD is more comfortable with a burial trench at this location rather than this type of pit, we should talk about it.

Thanks for your attention to this application.

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