

Warnell, Terry G, EMNRD

From: tgregsto@blm.gov
Sent: Thursday, March 24, 2011 6:04 PM
To: Warnell, Terry G, EMNRD; Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD
Subject: Re: FW: Gardner 34 Federal 1

Mr. Warnell, Mr. Bratcher,

Don't know if you remember this case or not since it is a number of month's old. Chesapeake responded quite favorably to our request to fully address the reserve pit issue on this location. They are prepared to dig and haul the pit and were looking to P&A the well. While the environmental folks were investigating that, the production people reworked the well and put a different pump downhole in the same zone. The well is now producing both more gas and some oil. It is not expected to last long, at which point Chesapeake will P&A the well and fully reclaim the pit. However, in the interim, they have taken a rather expensive step: they have capped the old pit with clay to stabilize it and to prevent more runoff in the short term down the draw. The capping material and the reserve pit will be excavated and hauled when the well is P&A'd. They will monitor the clay cap to ensure that it remains intact until such time as the well is P&A'd.

Chesapeake has also picked up and hauled off all contaminated material on the pad. So for now, the Gardner 34 Federal 1 has had the pad spill addressed and the pit has been stabilized.

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11/03/2010 12:18 PM

Subject FW: Gardner 34 Federal 1

Hi Terry,

I'm one of the people at OCD that Mark Fesmire put on the Carlsbad Wellhead Protection Area team
Please include me on any well or cleanup actions that you require

Thanks

Sincerely
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From: Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD
Sent: Wednesday, November 03, 2010 11:13 AM
To: Fesmire, Mark, EMNRD; Sanchez, Daniel J., EMNRD; Warnell, Terry G, EMNRD
Subject: FW: Gardner 34 Federal 1

Gentlemen,

Here is the email I was asked to forward at the meeting this morning. I did respond to Ms. Gregston and asked to be kept apprised of these projects.

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From: Terry_Gregston@blm.gov [mailto:Terry_Gregston@blm.gov]
Sent: Monday, November 01, 2010 6:45 PM
To: Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD
Subject: Gardner 34 Federal 1

Hi Mike,

I was wondering if you have received an accident or spill report for the following location:

Gardner 34 Federal 1
T23s, R24e, section 34, NESW
3001521656

This well is in the Carlsbad Wellhead Protection area and has a number of issues, including 3/4 of the pad showing heavy to moderate salting and a reserve pit that is eroding into Dark Canyon draw. We have not received any spill reports for this location, just curious if you have. Secondly, this is one of the wells where we're going to hit them up to dig and haul the reserve pit based on public health and safety concerns. Just checking in to make sure that you're aware of that. We had discussed that with other OCD representatives that came down to visit us about the Carlsbad Wellhead Protection project, but I don't know if you've gotten any feedback from that or not on your end. More than likely, once I start hitting up operators to dig and haul pits, they're going to be whining to the OCD about it.

There will be more such wells in the Wellhead Protection Area that we are going to get them to address reserve pits and contamination issues. Was up in the western portion of the Protection Area last Friday and found a number of wells with major issues. Do you want me to give you an FYI on the wells and/or cleanup actions that I am requiring of the operators on federal lands and tag team on this kind of stuff?

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