

**From:** [Hensley, Chad, EMNRD](#)  
**To:** [Connor Walker](#)  
**Cc:** [Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD](#); [Robbie Runnels](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: [EXT] The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has rejected the application, Application ID: 38247  
**Date:** Friday, October 8, 2021 3:15:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)

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Mr. Walker,

**1. Delineation on pad submitted was incomplete and did not meet the requirements of 19.15.29.11 NMAC.**

- a. Nate (project manager) had augur refusal on the pad that prevented further vertical delineation. Due to the electrical lines and active production lines, I don't believe it is realistic to get heavy equipment or drilling equipment inside of that area.

***The OCD has accepted Mewbourne's delineation. Indicated samples points to be deferred on pad. Label pictures you included recently and have them matching areas to be deferred.***

***(On a side note, please include labeled pictures for deferrals in future reports. Concerns were answered by the pictures sent.)***

**2. Deferral is not eligible for off-pad release.**

- a. Understandable; however, the pipeline company would not allow us to excavate next to the line.

***The OCD requests Mewbourne provide a signed statement from the pipeline operator indicating that Mewbourne is declined the ability to perform remedial excavation activities in close proximity to this pipeline.***

**3. Delineation on off-pad submitted was incomplete and did not meet the requirements of 19.15.29.11 NMAC.**

- a. Once again, Mewbourne excavated everything they could. We were unable to excavate the soil directly below the pipeline due to the operator's restrictions

***The OCD will not defer off pad.***

**4. Please include pictures of the remediation activities that has been done, including around equipment.**

- a. We included a photolog in the report. However, we do have additional pictures that were taken during excavation activities. We can create a photo log that includes all these pictures.

***The OCD has accepted Mewbourne's pictures. Please include these in your following report.***

**5. The OCD request a clearer map of location in comparison of equipment and sample points.**

- a. We are working on getting this map for you to review.

***The OCD has accepted Mewbourne's site map. Please include these in your following report.***

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**From:** Connor Walker <[cwalker@mewbourne.com](mailto:cwalker@mewbourne.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 7, 2021 1:40 PM  
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**Cc:** Robbie Runnels <[rrunnels@mewbourne.com](mailto:rrunnels@mewbourne.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] RE: [EXT] The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has rejected the application, Application ID: 38247

Chad,

Please see attached update maps and complete photo log. Please let me know if there is anything else you will need.

Thanks,

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**From:** Hensley, Chad, EMNRD <[Chad.Hensley@state.nm.us](mailto:Chad.Hensley@state.nm.us)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 1:34 PM  
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Connor,

Please send items #4 & #5 to me when able. I will review them and send back a response.

Thank You,

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**From:** Connor Walker <[cwalker@mewbourne.com](mailto:cwalker@mewbourne.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 5, 2021 10:46 AM  
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Chad and Robert,

We got with our project management company on this release and their responses are below:

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On points 2 and 3 we would like to request a variance being that the high pressure gas pipeline owned by a third party cannot be excavated any closer.

Please let me know how you would like us to proceed. We would like to get this one backfilled and behind us.

Thanks,

Connor Walker

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**From:** [OCDOnline@state.nm.us](mailto:OCDOnline@state.nm.us) <[OCDOnline@state.nm.us](mailto:OCDOnline@state.nm.us)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 31, 2021 9:50 AM

**To:** Connor Walker <[cwalker@mewbourne.com](mailto:cwalker@mewbourne.com)>

**Subject:** [EXT] The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has rejected the application, Application ID: 38247

To whom it may concern (c/o Connor Walker for MEWBOURNE OIL CO),

The OCD has rejected the submitted *Application for administrative approval of a release notification and corrective action* (C-141), for incident ID (n#) nAPP2104059237, for the following reasons:

- **Delineation on pad submitted was incomplete and did not meet the requirements of 19.15.29.11 NMAC.**
- **Deferral is not eligible for off-pad release.**
- **Delineation on off-pad submitted was incomplete and did not meet the requirements of 19.15.29.11 NMAC.**
- **Please include pictures of the remediation activities that has been done, including around equipment.**
- **The OCD request a clearer map of location in comparison of equipment and sample points.**

The rejected C-141 can be found in the OCD Online: Permitting - Action Status, under the Application ID: 38247.

Please review and make the required correction(s) prior to resubmitting.

If you have any questions why this application was rejected or believe it was rejected in error, please contact me prior to submitting an additional C-141.

Thank you,

Chad Hensley

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