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May 17th, 2005

Mr. Chris Williams
NMOCD
District 1
1625 N. French Dr.
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Re: Pit closures

Dear Mr. Williams;

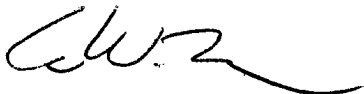
COG Operating LLC request an extension in time to close the drilling pits at the following wellsite.

Red Raider State #1
API # 30-025-36871
OGRID # 299137
Unit K, 1650' FSL and 1980' FWL, Section 19, T20S, R36E

This request is being made due to the large amount of water in the pits. It is requested to extend the closure period for the site for an additional 6 months in order for the water in the pit to evaporate and allow the drill cutting to dry before closure. The site will be monitored and the pits closed as soon as practical and according to State of New Mexico Pit and "Below Grade Tank Guidelines". A pit closure form will be submitted in the next few weeks for the site.

If you have any questions please contact:

Sincerely,



Erick W. Nelson
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