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June 19, 2014

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Mr. Geoffrey Leking  
NMOCD District 1  
1625 French Drive  
Hobbs, NM 88240  
VIA EMAIL

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RE: Murchison – Jackson Unit 19H Temporary Pit  
Extension Request for Closure  
Unit N, Section 21, T24S, R33E, API #30-025-41138

Dear Mr. Leking:

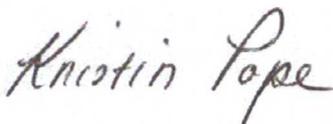
On behalf of Murchison Oil and Gas, R.T. Hicks Consultants respectfully requests a 3-month extension for the closure of the above-referenced temporary pit. The rig was released from the Jackson Unit 19H well on 12/21/2013, making the closure deadline 6/21/2014. As described in an email from Hicks Consultants to NMOCD on 3/19/2014, this pit was also used for the storage of cuttings from the Jackson Unit 28H well which was drilled 593 feet east. The rig was released from the Jackson Unit 28H well on 5/9/2014; hydraulic fracturing commenced soon after.

The pit contents were sampled for closure criteria on 6/4/2014. As explained during our phone conversation yesterday, we request this extension because a miscommunication with the laboratory caused a delay in the analyses of the stabilized cuttings. The laboratory prepared the samples yesterday and will composite and analyze them this week. If the analyses meet closure criteria, we will begin closure as soon as our schedule of closures and the availability of excavation equipment allows. If the criteria are not met, an extension will allow more time for hydrocarbon to degrade and we will resample within the next few weeks.

The current deadline for closure is 6/21/2014. A 3-month extension would create a new deadline of 9/7/2014. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

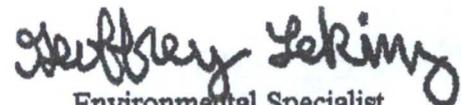
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