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Mr. Larry Johnson
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ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER
APPROVED 2.19.10 *[Signature]*

Re: Riddle 1 State Com. No. 1 Closure of Monitoring Well Field
(API No.: 30-025-36232) U/L A S1 T22S R34E, 660' FNL and 1090' FEL

Dear Mr. Johnson:

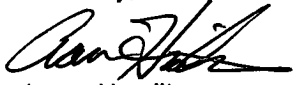
Cimarex Energy Company herewith respectfully submits its intent to discontinue the groundwater monitoring program installed in 2005 by Highlander Environmental at the Riddle 1 State Com. No. 1 location as cited above beginning 22 February 2010.

Since the installation of the monitoring well field in 2005, water chloride analytical results have consistently been in the range of 25 to 57 mg/L depending on the monitoring well (MW) sampled. However, each well has shown consistency within its own range and is commensurate with normal background for the area. All reports have been submitted to the New Mexico Oil Conservation Division (NMOCD) and the State Engineer's Office on a monthly basis throughout 2005 until reporting changed to a quarterly basis in the last quarter of 2009 due to the proven consistent, low concentrations over the four year period. The only exception to this data consistency was the repair to the RW1 (renamed MW5) well which was proven to be mechanically defective and improperly located as reported in Cimarex's letter of 4 February 2009 to the NMOCD and the State Engineer's Office. At the time of installation in May 2009, soil samples and water samples were obtained to a depth of 55 feet to determined background and reestablish the database. The MW5 has subsequently shown consistent, low water chloride numbers, which match those of levels found in the other four monitoring wells in the area.

No monitoring well has produced a sample obtained during the period from 2005 to January 2010 that has exceeded regulatory limits. All monitoring wells have met and exceeded the regulatory standard of eight consecutive quarters of monitoring showing analytical results within regulatory limits. Therefore, Cimarex respectfully requests permission to plug said wells as discussed above.

Should you have questions please contact me at 432-571-7800.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aaron Hamilton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Aaron Hamilton
Region Production Manager