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To: Colorado Oil and Gas conservation Commission

Re: Site inspection south of Brandon, Colorado State University

On August 21, 2007 I was contacted by Mike Leonard to inspect a site of concern south of Brandon, Colorado. The specific site GPS coordinates are: 382435.90N, 102.265545W. Mr. Leonard indicated that there had been an oil spill at this site and the released oil had run down the slope and collected in a pond area. The resulting damage resulted in the destruction of native forage.

The site was to have been revegetated to native grass species. Upon inspection, kochia weed a non-native, invasive appeared to be the only ground cover. There was evidence that manure had been applied to the area in question. Indication of the seeding of native grass species was not evident in the plant community.

Recommendations are to:

- Re-seeding with a native species blend of grasses
- Temporary fencing of the impacted area to exclude grazing except for a prescribed time and duration to control weed growth and aid grass seedling development.

Under "normal" conditions it is not recommended to graze re-seeded grasses the first year with possible light grazing the second year. This depends primarily on weather conditions. Also, it is better to plant the grasses in late in the year, ie. - late fall or early winter, to take advantage of snowfall moisture.

Sincerely,

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