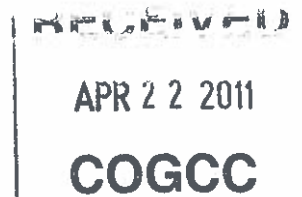




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April 21, 2011

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**RE: 318A Water Well Sampling 318A.e(4)D Request
Riverbend 22-18
Section 18, Township 1N, Range 66W
API No. 05-123-32120**

Dear Mr. Chesson:

As per COGCC *Rule 318A e (4)*, baseline water well sample testing is required prior to drilling the first interior infill well or boundary well within a governmental section. COGCC stamped the drilling permit for the Riverbend 22-18 well requiring Kerr-McGee Onshore LP (Kerr-McGee) to conduct water sample baseline testing in Section 18, Township 1N, and Range 66W.

Research was conducted to identify and contact water well owners to meet Rule 318A criteria for the above-referenced well. Based on these findings, Kerr-McGee is requesting a determination of NOT REQUIRED under 318A.e(4)D for the required sampling due to the fact that a response was not received from the owner of the water well which meets the criteria of Rule 318A Section e (4) A-D. No other wells meeting the criteria were identified.

If you agree to the request, please sign and date the bottom of this letter and return it to me.

Please contact me at 720-929-6726 if you have any questions regarding this information.

Very truly yours,

KERR-McGEE OIL & GAS ONSHORE LP

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COGCC Approved:  Title: EPS Date: 4/22/2011