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**Attachments:** [Example Managment plan.pdf](#)

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Lisa,

The COGCC is reviewing the Form 2A (#400274234) for the Aus-Tex Exploration Pathfinder C 14-01 1 location, located in the SWSW Sec 1 T20S R70W Fremont County, Colorado. The COGCC requests approval of the following changes and recognition of the conditions of approval prior to passing the Oil and Gas Location Assessment (OGLA).

#### Depth to Groundwater

A review water wells in the vicinity of the Pathfinder C14-01 1 location indicate that water levels in the area are approximately 98 feet (Water Well Permit # 44176). The form 2A will need to be amended from 175 feet to 98 feet.

#### Distance to Surface Water

The closest surface water appears to be 2300 feet North West of the location. The Distance to Surface water on form 2A should be amended to 2300 feet.

#### Conditions of approval

- Due to the likely hood of oil being received in the pit and exceeding 10,000 ppm TPH the drilling pit must be lined Fenced and netted. The pit will be closed through the form 27 process.
- Due to the likely hood of oil being received in the pit and exceeding 10,000 ppm TPH an approved Pit Permit (Form 15) will be required prior to pit construction. The form 15 shall include a pit management plan.

In the COGCC's experience with drilling Operations in the area of Pathfinder C 14-01 1 has been that oil seeps out of cuttings in drilling pits and will need to be managed by the operator to ensure compliance with 900 series rules. The proposed drilling pit for the location will require that a form 15 be submitted to the COGCC prior to construction. In the past we have approved the pits as a dual purpose drilling and skim pit which will allow the operator to better manage the oil. Along with the Form 15 a pit management plan will be required prior to passing the OGLA review.

The pit management plan will address how the operator will handle the oily cuttings and free oil in the pit. The plan should also include how the operator intends to dispose of the pit contents and close the pit. I have included an example of a pit management plan that was submitted to the COGCC for you reference only.

Please feel free to contact me if you any questions.

Thanks,

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