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Rothermel - DNR, Allison <allison.rothermel@state.co.us>

Fwd: B&V Pad Location RE: Insp # 680100021

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Colby - DNR, Lou <lou.colby@state.co.us>

Wed, Aug 19, 2015 at 12:08 PM

To: Allison Rothermel - DNR <allison.rothermel@state.co.us>

Allison:

Would you please upload the following email to the file for Location # and Well file API #'s

Location # 440634

05-045-22705 through 05-045-22723 (19 wells)

05-045-22843 through 05-045-22847 (5 wells)

The email is correspondence regarding a request for extension of Corrective Action date. Instead of labeling it generally as correspondence, would you label it as " Request extension of CA date".

Here is the information from the card:

Name and Date: [Lou Colby August 18, 2015](#)Projects: [URSA Operating Company request for extension of Corrective Action Date](#)Facilities: [Well Location](#)

Other:

Enter in Database? Yes

Needs Scanning? No

Index Doc? I'm not sure

Return to Office: No

File in Public Room? No

Thank you very much!

Lou

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From: **Colby - DNR, Lou** <lou.colby@state.co.us>

Date: Tue, Aug 18, 2015 at 12:53 PM

Subject: B&V Pad Location RE: Insp # 680100021

To: dknudson@ursaresources.comCc: Denise Arthur - DNR <denise.arthur@state.co.us>

Dear Mr. Knudson:

The two week corrective action date of 8/17/15 was given so control would be implemented before the Kochia and Russian knapweed seed matured, expecting implementation of corrective action before your email of 8/13/15. Time is of the essence when dealing with weed control. Your delay in action is only compounding the difficulty of applying control options. You have been given an extension; CA date of 8/31/15 (this is a onetime extension and should not be counted on for other inspections of this or other locations). The urgency to deal with weed control in a timely manner dictates shorter CA periods, three weeks is more than adequate time. I feel that action rather than meetings would be a wiser use of your remaining time. We can still arrange a meeting if you feel the necessity after reviewing comments below.

Inspector response to your line item response in **RED** below:

Action Required #1 - Weed infestation (Kochia) along road, will become debris. Kochia, while considered a nuisance weed is not currently found on any of the state or county weed lists and therefore should not be called out in this inspection report. This year has been unusually wet with heavy rains in the spring and a very wet July. Weeds are growing at a very fast rate everywhere this year due to this climate. Ursa has reservation with the inspector commenting on a potential future debris that is created from Kochia. Since there is currently no equipment on location there is no fire hazard. Inspections should be fact based, not speculative. **Kochia's life history dictates that it will mature, break off and become debris and trash, infecting adjacent water features and properties.(Good Housekeeping). Surrounding properties are mowed or consist of mature native vegetation, complying with municipal codes for the Town of Parachute.** This location was constructed in March 2015 and seeded around April 1st to encourage temporary vegetation and soil stabilization. To spray for weeds when grass is very "young" is NOT RECOMMENDED by our weed expert. Until grass has at least 4 stems of grass per root it cannot withstand the chemicals and could impact growth. **Controls other than Herbicide (ie :mechanical, manual) are options you could consider.** Kochia is an annual that is usually the first plant seen on freshly disturbed soils. Grass will usually outcompete Kochia with time. Even though Kochia is not a noxious weed found on any list, Ursa conducts treatment on Kochia 2-3 times per year. **It does not appear that herbicide has been applied on the B&V compacted "PAD" areas. Methods of control other than Herbicide may need to be employed, especially at later growth stages. Russian Knapweed is a B List State and County Noxious Weed.**

Action Required #5 –**This is not an Action Required ,it is in the comment box, an advisement that monitoring by URSA would catch problems and insure success of Interim Reclamation.** Berm area seeding is struggling to establish. Appears some seedlings have emerged and died back. Kochia is establishing and may out compete with desired species. Vegetation needs to be evaluated by operator in Fall 2015 to determine if desirable species are becoming established within the berm area. A follow up inspection will be conducted by COGCC. **Follow up inspection is for the CA's.** The location was constructed and seeded in March 2015 (5 months ago). Vegetation can take up to 2-3 seasons to fully grow. To expect operators to have fully vegetated locations/berms in the temporary stage (not even in interim yet) is not possible.

Compacted, berms would be an option. Ursa requests that reclamation inspections regarding vegetation are stayed until adequate time has been given to locations. **Reclamation Inspections will not be "stayed". COGCC will continue to inspect this and other locations as vegetation establishes and will give a satisfactory over all status as long as there are not other on site issues. Interim reclamation will be " In Process" as the plant community progresses in a satisfactory manner to meet "Pass" requirements for Interim Reclamation.**

Sincerely

Lou Colby

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Laura Colby

NW Reclamation Specialist

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