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Pit Facility ID 430117

Location ID 312743

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**Re: Black Hills Winter Flats 10-43-99**

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**Lujan - DNR, Carlos** <carlos.lujan@state.co.us>  
To: "Donahue, Jessica" <Jessica.Donahue@blackhillscorp.com>

Mon, Dec 19, 2016 at 4:54 PM

Jessica,

I am not sure with whom you cleared things up, but there is absolutely no documentation on file regarding the closure of the pit facility #292805. I have changed the pit status to CLOSED but I remind you that even if drilling pits do not need pit permit (in general) and do not need to be closed with a Form 27, the operator must take confirmation samples before back filling the pit, per COGCC Rules. Moreover, the operator must keep the lab results on file in case the COGCC requests them.

Regarding the pit ID #292805, Alex Fischer approved the form 27 REM #9040 on 04/30/2015 (see attached). I conducted an inspection on 06/08/2015 with Kris Rowe from HRL (see attached). The objective of the inspection with HRL was to discuss the pit closure. Form 2A and REM #9040 included COAs.

Please submit by December 30, 2016 via e-form 04 the analytical report with the results of the confirmation samples, and indicate in a figure where the samples were taken. Provide a copy of the manifest that supports the disposal of impacted material (if applicable) and provide a brief explanation of the pit closure process.

Thank you,  
Carlos

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On Mon, Dec 19, 2016 at 2:56 PM, Donahue, Jessica <[Jessica.Donahue@blackhillscorp.com](mailto:Jessica.Donahue@blackhillscorp.com)> wrote:

Carlos,

Regarding #292805, I apologize, I thought we had cleared this up when we recompleted the well in 2012. This was for the original drilling pit when the well was drilled in 2008. This pit was closed with the initial interim reclamation of the location several years ago.

As for #430117, I will get the pertinent information together for you. I thought we had submitted it, but I may be remiss.

Jessica

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**From:** Lujan - DNR, Carlos [mailto:[carlos.lujan@state.co.us](mailto:carlos.lujan@state.co.us)]  
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Jessica,

Thanks for submitting the spill report.

I noticed that you submitted a Form 27 Pit Closure Work Plan (REM #9040), approved By Alex Fischer, to close the Pit facility Id #430117. Looking at Google google Earth images it looks like the pit has been back filled. Did you ever submitted confirmation samples and a request to close the project? I don't see anything on file. REM #9040 was created in 2015 and is still open.

There is another (Active) pit on file, ID #292805. My notes say that the pit was reclaimed, that the pit permit mentions a drilling pit but Site drawings call it a Fresh Water Pit. Do you mind helping me to clarify? I would like to change the status to CLOSED if possible.

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