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**RE: Request for Closure – Remediation Project #9971  
Lauridson 1A, 2A Tank Battery - Weld County, Colorado**

Mr. Canfield:

K.P. Kauffman Company (KPK) is requesting the closure of Remediation Project #9971 based on the findings made during the removal of the partially buried vessel (PBV) at the Lauridson 1A, 2A tank battery (facility). There is strong evidence at the facility indicating the remaining soil contamination in the area is not attributed to the removed PBV, but a result of a separate release from equipment owned and operated by a different operator.

At the time of the PBV removal, KPK observed no evidence that the PBV was ever in operation or connected to the facility's production equipment or associated wells. It was also observed that no flowlines connected to KPK's facility followed areas of soil contamination, the wells are in the opposite direction of the contamination gradient. Concentration of hydrocarbons detected in the soil increased further away from KPK's equipment and wells.

Additionally, during an internal audit of the facility on September 1, 2015 (KPK took over operations of the facility on September 1, 2015), KPK noted that Anadarko Petroleum Corporation (APC) was performing their own remediation project roughly 30 feet east of KPK's PBV. APC's remediation activities included an excavation area roughly 40 feet by 40 feet, with a depth of 6-7 feet. There were also five (5) monitoring wells installed at the time. During KPK's removal of the PBV, contaminated soil was detected along the western limits of APC's recorded excavation area, uphill of KPK's PBV. KPK ceased excavation activities of contaminated soil once the boundary of APC's excavation was exposed.

If you should need any additional information or have any questions, please contact me at (303) 825-4822 or slaramesa@KPK.com.

Sincerely,  
***K.P. Kauffman Company, Inc.***

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Susana Lara-Mesa', written in a cursive style.

Susana Lara-Mesa  
Vice President of Engineering