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**From:** Hartman, Laura H <lhartman@blm.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 15, 2023 12:07 PM  
**To:** Brian Knowles  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Maintenance On Schmidt Pond Liner

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Good Morning Brian,

I checked the well file and you are good to proceed to maintenance of the cover without any additional sundries as long as you stay within the current disturbance footprint. The original APD only requires that the pit is lined with plastic, with no design specifications. As before, please make sure that any trash generated from this work is disposed of properly, and I would appreciate photos of the completed work for the well file.

Thank you!

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**From:** Brian Knowles <brian.knowles@messer-us.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 9, 2023 9:21 AM  
**To:** Hartman, Laura H <lhartman@blm.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Maintenance On Schmidt Pond Liner

Thank You Laura!!!!!!!!!!!! Have a wonderful Day!!!!!!

Thank You  
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**From:** Hartman, Laura H <lhartman@blm.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 9, 2023 9:19 AM  
**To:** Brian Knowles <brian.knowles@messer-us.com>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Maintenance On Schmidt Pond Liner

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Hi Brian,

No problem. I'll try to get to it next week. If I can't, I'll see if one of my colleagues can look into it for me. Unfortunately, I'm not based out of the office most of our files are housed, so it takes me some time to look through them, particularly this time of year when I'm in the field frequently.

I'll be in touch either way. Thanks!

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**From:** Brian Knowles <[brian.knowles@messer-us.com](mailto:brian.knowles@messer-us.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 8, 2023 1:26 PM  
**To:** Hartman, Laura H <[lhartman@blm.gov](mailto:lhartman@blm.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Maintenance On Schmidt Pond Liner

Laura, Good Afternoon,  
I know you are busy, and I hate to be a pest, however our VP wants to start this work immediately. Any way you could provide me with this information at your earliest convenience? It would certainly be MUCH appreciated.  
Thank you in advance for all your help.  
Thank You  
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**From:** Hartman, Laura H <[lhartman@blm.gov](mailto:lhartman@blm.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 7, 2023 1:17 PM  
**To:** Brian Knowles <[brian.knowles@messer-us.com](mailto:brian.knowles@messer-us.com)>  
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It depends on if we need to do NEPA or not. If not, typically a couple of days. If so, typically a couple of weeks depending on what level of analysis we need to do. For this, I suspect we wouldn't need to do NEPA, but can't guarantee that until I look at the file and the proposal together.

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**From:** Brian Knowles <[brian.knowles@messer-us.com](mailto:brian.knowles@messer-us.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 7, 2023 1:11 PM  
**To:** Hartman, Laura H <[lhartman@blm.gov](mailto:lhartman@blm.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Maintenance On Schmidt Pond Liner

Thank You so much. If in the event we do have to file, how long does that process take for approval?

Thank You  
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**From:** Hartman, Laura H <[lhartman@blm.gov](mailto:lhartman@blm.gov)>  
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**To:** Brian Knowles <[brian.knowles@messer-us.com](mailto:brian.knowles@messer-us.com)>  
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Okay great. I should be able to look into it before then. Feel free to reach out if you need to know earlier than late December.

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**To:** Hartman, Laura H <[lhartman@blm.gov](mailto:lhartman@blm.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: [EXTERNAL] Maintenance On Schmidt Pond Liner

Laura, Thank you for the quick reply. Probably would like to start late Dec- early Jan????

Thank You  
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**From:** Hartman, Laura H <[lhartman@blm.gov](mailto:lhartman@blm.gov)>  
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Hi Brian,

Thank you for reaching out. I suspect my answer will be the same, but I'll need to check our well file to be certain. When are you planning to do this work?

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**From:** Brian Knowles <[brian.knowles@messer-us.com](mailto:brian.knowles@messer-us.com)>  
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Laura,  
Hope all finds you well. We are planning to do some maintenance on the Schmidt Pond/Cover. As you recall, we did some maintenance work on the Dudley well cover. This work greatly improved functionality, as well as aesthetics. In a previous email conversation you and I had, you indicated that work on the liner/cover was considered maintenance, and I could proceed as such without a sundry application of any sort. See attached copy of e-mail dated 10/22/22, as I am sure you deal with many things, and may not remember specifics. We will design and build the Schmidt cover identical to what we did at the Dudley. While doing so, we will also replace the liner with a double liner. (will just overlay to existing bottom liner) As a question, does the same apply here, can we perform this maintenance? Thanks in advance for your response. As always, fell free to call.

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