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TRANSMITTED VIA EMAIL

RE: Modification of the Monitoring Program Associated with a Release of Drilling Fluids During Pipeline Boring Activities within Section 9 of Township 24 South, Range 28 East, NMPM in Eddy County, New Mexico.

Messrs. Spicer and Snow,

The Oil Conservation Division (OCD) has reviewed the March 10th email request to modify the surface water monitoring and sampling program. The program is modified as follows:

- a. Field measurements of pH and turbidity will continue to be made daily at six locations along the river; two upstream of the boring location and four downstream
- b. Surface water samples will be gathered weekly at each location and submitted for laboratory analysis of chloride, sulfate, total suspended solids, total dissolved solids, pH, and turbidity. Analysis for hydrocarbons is no longer required.
- c. San Mateo and Matador only need to provide email status reports to the OCD on a weekly basis rather than daily unless warranted by the situation in the field.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Jim Griswold at (505) 660-1067 or by email at Jim.Griswold@state.nm.us.

Respectfully

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