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Sent: Friday, August 01, 2008 2:10 PM

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Subject: FW: Prather Investigation Bradenhead Tests

Attachments: Prather BH List.PDF

Mr. Prather,

I am the new northwest engineering supervisor for COGCC, effective today. I have been with COGCC since January 2006, and so far, most of my work has been in the northeast part of the state. However, I started transitioning to the northwest area in late May 2008, and I am familiar with the incident at your spring.

Debbie Baldwin, COGCC's Environmental Manager, requested that I forward a copy of this email to you. We intend to perform Bradenhead tests at all of the wells shown on the attached list during the week of August 11. One of our more experienced engineers from Durango, Mark Weems, will be heading up to train our newer inspectors and assist with the testing. Mark will also be coordinating the tests with the operators and making sure that Bradenhead valves are accessible prior to arriving on location.

Bradenhead tests are used to check for pressurized fluids (gas, water and/or condensate) in the void space between the production casing, which carries gas and condensate from the producing formation to the surface, and the surface casing, which is installed to protect groundwater from production fluids. At this time, we do not have evidence that Bradenhead pressures caused the impact to your spring. One of our inspectors, Shaun Kellerby, performed a quick, informal check on some of these wells shortly after the incident with your spring was reported. However, the upcoming testing will be more formal with a set procedure for each test, and it is being performed as a precautionary measure. In the event that elevated pressures are observed, surface casing would still likely be protective of groundwater.

We will provide you with an update after the test data are collected. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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Mark,

As discussed, we intend to perform Bradenhead Tests for the wells shown on the attached list. Please coordinate with Gary and Shaun for some in-house training before heading to the field. A Form 17 should be completed for each location. Tentatively, we are considering August 11 through August 13. Kevin and/or Chris may also want to attend.

Try starting with the following operator contacts:

Marathon Oil Company (53650), Jeff Parker, (713) 296-2223, jrparker@marathonoil.com
Nonsuch Natural Gas, Inc. (10163), David Lee, (239) 289-9046
Oxy USA WTP LP (66571), Daniel Padilla, (970) 263-3637, daniel.padilla@oxy.com
Petroleum Development Corp. (69175), Nathan Anderson, (970) 539-0608, nanderson@petd.com
Williams Production RMT Company (96850), Jim Jackson, (970) 930-5396, jim.jackson@williams.com

Chevron owns most of the surface in the area, so you might also want to contact Chevron's ranch manager, Craig Tysse, as a courtesy at (970) 285-9722, ctys@chevron.com

Thanks again for your help, and please keep me up-to-date on the scheduling if any changes occur.

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