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**Sent:** Friday, June 20, 2008 4:34 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: noav for operations in proximity to Ned Prather  
Debbie / Chris:

Just a quick note to provide you with an update of the response actions that have been implemented (as of June 20, 2008) in regards to the NOAV that was issued for operations in proximity to the Prather Cabin and Spring:

- All companies identified on the NOAV (i.e., Nonsuch, Marathon, PDC, and Williams) have been in contact with each other, and are working cooperatively to address the issues relative to this NOAV and to implement immediate abatement/corrective actions;
- A supply of bottled water (20, 5-gallon bottles and 2 dispensers) for drinking and cooking was delivered to the Ned Prather cabin this afternoon (June 20, 2008);
- Roustabout Specialties Inc. is installing a tight, 4-strand livestock fence around the stock pond located immediately below Ned Prather's cabin. The spring inlet above Mr. Prather's cabin is also being fenced.
- Williams Energy and Marathon staff are meeting with Ned and Bob Prather on Monday, June 23, 2008, to discuss options for providing a supply of bulk, potable water to be used for showers and toilets;
- Williams and Marathon are consulting with professional hydrologists and water treatment experts to identify the source of contamination, delineate the extent of contaminated groundwater, and to identify and implement water treatment technologies that will treat / remove contaminants from the spring water;
- Williams and Marathon continue to collect samples of spring water from the spring inlet pipe, the upper cabin location, the pond immediately below the upper cabin, and the spring water at the lower cabin.
- Information relative to the construction and reclamation of pits (at well-pad locations in the immediate area), liners, and the fluids stored in these pits is being assembled and will be provided to your office by July 7, 2008.

All operators in this area are committed to identifying the source of contamination, and implementing corrective actions in a timely manner, and working with the Prather's to restore their use and enjoyment of their property. My contact information is provided below – please feel free to call me if you have any questions. Thank you.

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**From:** Paules, Michael (E&P)  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 19, 2008 10:19 PM  
**To:** Baldwin, Debbie  
**Cc:** Canfield, Chris  
**Subject:** RE: noav for operations in proximity to Ned Prather

Debbie,

Williams is aware of this incident having met with Mr. Prather and already have started an internal investigation. Mike Gardner, on my staff in Parachute, was going to call Chris Canfield tomorrow and inquire about the COGCC's response, so this NOAV to the operators in the immediate vicinity comes as no surprise.

I am not aware at this time of any incident that occurred from Williams operations that may have caused this problem. In fact, I understand that our closest well (MV -1-23) has been shut in for a few years. As shown in the attached map, a Nonsuch well appears to be the closest well to the spring that feeds the line to his cabin tap. I believe this Nonsuch well was drilled in the past year and PDC has recently started drilling one or two wells between this Nonsuch well and this Williams well. According to Mr. Prather, he did not notice any problem with his water tap until he opened up his cabin this spring and drank the water.

We will work with the COGCC and Mr. Prather to address this matter with the cooperation of the other operators, which we also agree is serious in nature. Mike Gardner, who is one of our environmental team leads in Parachute, will lead the investigation for Williams. We will schedule a meeting with the four operators to address the immediate actions identified in the NOAV, collect pertinent information on the wells and other potential sources, and retain an environmental consultant to commence an investigation. Please forward the analytical results for the samples that the COGCC collected so we can consider these in planning the investigation. We will forward you the analytical results that we have obtained from samples collected.

We will keep you informed of our progress and will expedite our response actions, review of pertinent well data and investigation to define the source and extent of contamination. I anticipate that with the COGCC rulemaking hearings starting next week your availability may be limited.

Please call me if you have any questions. Mike Gardner or I will keep you informed while Chris is on vacation and will get him caught up when he returns.

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**To:** Paules, Michael (E&P)

**Subject:** noav for operations in proximity to Ned Prather

Mike, sorry I didn't have time to give you a heads up that this was coming. I will be sending out hard copies tomorrow. Call if you have questions.

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