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To: OGCC EnviroScan - DNR <dnr_ogcc.enviroscan@state.co.us>

OGCC Scan,

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From: **Neidel - DNR, Kris** <kris.neidel@state.co.us>

Date: Wed, Jul 15, 2015 at 4:18 PM

Subject: crows at the gamma state 051-07439

To: Alex Fischer - DNR <alex.fischer@state.co.us>

Alex,

I was on location inspecting the pit closure progress at the Gamma state 14-15D, Remediation number 9024 the morning of 7/15/2015.

The pit contents have been removed and liner has been removed. Confirmation samples below the liner has been taken. There was fluid in the pit at time of inspection.

I witness a Crows Nest in the pump jack. As I walked past the pump jack from the pit toward the separator, a crow fell into my view, it landed on it's feet and tried to fly away, it got about 2 feet off the ground and stumbled to a landing, this happened a few times, the bird appeared to be in distress. I then looked at the pumpjack and another crow was perched on the back end near the motor of the pumpjack, it had a disfigured leg. My presence had the crows irritated, I approached the pumpjack and a third crow fell off of it's perch onto the the base of the pumpjack, it also was struggling to get it's feet under it. Although I was 2 feet from the pumpjack, the crows showed disapproval but did not leave the pumpjack.

I talked to the operator's production foreman, Scott, he told me he was aware that there was Crows nested in the pumpjack but did not notice anything out of normal with the birds. He was NOT present at the time of my inspection.

I left a message with the CPW's Meeker office to report what I witnessed.

I am NOT alleging that this behavior or health of the crows is related to the well, I don't know.

I will update this communication to the Remediation project number and location.

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