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Subject: RE: Bird State Pit Closure (COGCC Remediation Project #9615)
Date: Wednesday, September 07, 2016 10:33:06 AM
Attachments: [Bird State Pit Tickets.pdf](#)

Hey Steve,

Per your request within a phone conversation I would like to give you a written update about the Bird State pit closure. First I would like to apologize with regards to the update as I incorrectly remembered the drop dead date being the end of September and not the end of August. That is entirely my fault.

That being said the pit remains unclosed but has been remediated. All fluids and solid contents in the pit have been removed and dug out with margins that should give the pit a clean bill of health for closure. We are currently working on the well with a small day work drilling rig in an attempt to fish a dropped drill bit. If and when successful Renegade will need a workover reserve pit when setting a deep string of surface casing for mud returns. Additional BMP's have been performed to the pit per the previous inspection. It is therefore requested that the pit remain in place until the final outcome of the Bird State 32-1 is determined. If you recall the original Form 27 requested a closure deadline of November. It is Renegade's desire to reclaim the original drill pit as soon as possible.

If a pit extension cannot be granted Renegade would like to know if a temporary workover pit request can be made for the existing pit. I don't know if that would allow the original drilling pit paperwork to be closed out and the pit could then be reclassified under workover pit rules.

Renegade appreciates the COGCC working with us to resolve this situation in an amicable way for these unusual circumstances. I'm sure the rules never contemplated the history of a project like the Bird State 32-1. I have attached several invoices regarding the work that has been performed over the last several months.

Thanks, Ed

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From: Steven Arauza - DNR [mailto:steven.arauza@state.co.us]
Sent: Thursday, September 01, 2016 8:29 AM
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Good morning, Mr. Ingve

This message is intended as a reminder that the Corrective Action due date for Remediation

Project #9615 (pit closure at the Bird-State #32-1) passed yesterday, August 31, 2016. The Conditional Approval Letter dated April 18, 2016, COGCC Doc #1727423—attached, required work to be completed by the Corrective Action due date.

What is the status of the pit closure?

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