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Remediation Project #28244, #28246
Pit Facility ID 116587
Doc #2573167
2/9/2024

Fwd: Iles petroleum processing facilities

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

Fri, Feb 9, 2024 at 1:57 PM

To: Megan Adamczyk - DNR <megan.adamczyk@state.co.us>, John Heil <john.heil@state.co.us>

Cc: Kris Neidel - DNR <kris.neidel@state.co.us>

Megan- Please upload this email to the complaint ID: [403679972](#)**John-** Please upload this email to Pit Facility ID: 11657 and REM: 28246 and 28244.

Thanks
Alex

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From: **Fischer - DNR, Alex** <alex.fischer@state.co.us>

Date: Fri, Feb 2, 2024 at 2:21 PM

Subject: Re: Iles petroleum processing facilities

To: Nick Charchalis <charchalisfarms@gmail.com>Cc: <kris.neidel@state.co.us>, Megan Chamard - DNR <megan.chamard@state.co.us>, Jeremy Ferrin - DNR <jeremy.ferrin@state.co.us>, Megan Adamczyk - DNR <megan.adamczyk@state.co.us>

Hi Nick,

My apologies for not getting back to you sooner.

Kris did contact me this a.m. and discussed your phone call to him earlier today. Please make a formal complaint through ECMC's system and complaint process. Megan Adamczyk who I have cced will be able to assist you with this process.

ECMC shares your concerns. On January 18, 2024, ECMC Staff met with the Operator, their representatives, and their outside counsel (Jamie Jost of Jost Energy Law, LLC).

ECMC Staff brought up the concerns you have indicated including the following;

- Surface owners' concerns regarding a lien against the surface (as you know, this is a civil matter but Staff felt it was important to address it);
- Liquids and free hydrocarbons (HC) on what is left of the Pit Facility Complex;
- The potential impacts to livestock and wildlife;
- The potential to re-impact the upper segment of the gulch that was excavated and allegedly remediated;
- ECMC requested for a summary of work performed last Summer/Fall including ALL analytical data from the samples that were collected for ECMC's review (this includes the soil sampling from the gulch and groundwater sampling from monitoring wells that have been installed in and around the production facility complex; and
- ECMC requested voluntary financial assurance (FA) in the amount equal to remediate and reclaim the gulch, remediate and reclaim the pit complex, and remediate groundwater impacts.

Earlier this week, ECMC's Staff referred a draft notice of alleged violation (NOAV) to ECMC's Enforcement Unit. The Enforcement Unit is reviewing the draft NOAV for factual accuracy and Rule citation violations. Thursday (2/1/2024) ECMC Staff briefly discussed the above with the Enforcement Unit.

During the January 18, 2024 meeting, the operator stated that they were "monitoring" the location. I have asked ECMC Staff (Kris N.) to perform more frequent inspections of the location and facilities. These will be monthly through February and more frequent near the time of Spring runoff.

Alex

On Mon, Jan 29, 2024 at 9:42 AM Nick Charchalis <charchalisfarms@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Alex,

After the BLM representative informing me that their only concern are the wells and well sites, I feel I should make another complaint to the COGCC specific to the facilities. Spring is coming up and I'm concerned about runoff erosion,

more oil and chemical spills adding to an already existing environmental disaster. The excavation left by the contractors is unstable and is slowly creating another peril for my livestock. The tanks and the concrete pit appear to still be full of some kind of liquid.

Something must be done. It's been well over a year since this facility has been in operation. This is my backyard! Is COGCC going to act? If so, when?

Nick Charchalis
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