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July 17, 2009

STEVEN L HOWELL
HOWELL OIL COMPANY INC
2400 RIVERBIRCH RD
HUTCHINSON KS 67502

RE: LEASE: SABIN B 12
LEGAL: 1650'FNL-660'FEL 13-23S-04W
COUNTY: RENO
API NO: 15155215240000

Dear Mr. Howell:

This letter is to inform you that you have been granted an extension of time in which to close the drilling pits associated with the drilling of the Sabin B 12 well.

The original 365 days for closure expired November 16, 2008. This extension will expire September 1, 2009. We urge you to make every effort to close these pits within this time frame. In the event there is water standing in these pits, please dewater and dispose of fluids in an authorized disposal facility to expedite closure. Extension of this time frame automatically extends the time period for filing the Closure of Surface Pit form.

Failure to close the pit or request an additional extension prior to the expiration date may result in a fine in accordance with K.A.R. 82-3-602(a). An additional extension will only be granted for good cause and after K.C.C. field staff has made an inspection of the site. Should field staff discover that said pit has been closed before the date of extension request, an administrative penalty may be assessed to you through K.C.C. invoice.

If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact Jonelle Rains at (316) 337-6226.

Very sincerely yours,

Doug Louis
Director

cc: Jonelle Rains
District # 2

CONSERVATION DIVISION

Finney State Office Building, 130 S. Market, Room 2078, Wichita, KS 67202-3802
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Sammy Flaharty

From: BJ Hope
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2009 11:21 AM
To: Sammy Flaharty
Subject: RE: Additional pit extension

Give them till Sept. 1st. , I will speak to their field person about getting a track-hoe in and getting it closed this sept.
Thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: Sammy Flaharty
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2009 3:57 PM
To: BJ Hope
Subject: Additional pit extension

Hi BJ, I received a letter from Howell Oil Company Inc. about the need for an additional extension. They state the ground water is so high that they cannot close the pit until it dries out. They are asking for an extension till September. The well is as follows:

Sabin B 12
1650'FNL-660'FEL 13-23S-04W
Reno County
151552152400000
Spud 11/16/07 pit extension expired 5/16/09

Please let me know your recommendations. Thanks for your time and work.
Sammy Flaharty

**Howell Oil Company, Inc
2400 Riverbirch Rd
Hutchinson, KS 67502
620 664-5320**

June 29, 2009

Jonelle Rains
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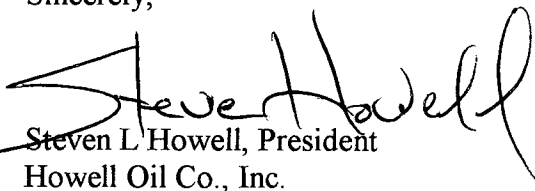
RE: API No. 15155215240000
Sabin B 12
13-23-4W, Reno County, KS

Dear Ms Rains:

Because of continued rainfall in our area, the ground water is so high that we cannot close the pit until it dries out. We continue to pump standing water from the pit. We are hoping that by August or September the pit will be dry enough to fill.

We are asking for an extension to fill the pit.

Sincerely,


Steven L Howell, President
Howell Oil Co., Inc.