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February 11, 2014

Downing-Nelson Oil Co., Inc. 111 West 10th PO Box 1019 Hays, KS 67601

Re: Middleton-Salm #1-8 NW/4 Sec. 08-18S-17W Rush County, Kansas 15-165-21987-00-00

Dear Sir or Madam:

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 Middleton-Salm #1-8 well.

The original 365 days for closure expired on 10/31/2013. This extension will expire on 05/11/2014. 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 shall result in a monetary penalty in accordance with K.A.R. 82-3-602(a). An additional pit extension may be renewed upon request, but no pit permit extension shall be extended beyond six months after the original deadline.

Please complete the pit closure form (CDP-4) through Kolar (Kansas On-Line Automated Reporting) at https://kolar.kgs.ku.edu.

If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact Kathy Haynes at (316) 337-6243.

Sincerely,

Ryan A. Hoffman

Director

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This letter is to request an extension for closing the pits on:

API NO: 15165219870000 WELL: Middleton –Salm #1-8

LOCATION: NW NW SE NW 8-18s-17w

COUNTY: Rush

and

API NO: 15145216810000

WELL: Galen 1-30

LOCATION: W/2 NW NE SW 30-20s-20w

Mille Mine

COUNTY: Pawnee

Our agent has been checking these sites and as of 01/24/2014 it is still wet. The estimated period of time until pits are closed will depend on the weather. Please call me if you need anymore information.

Thank you,

Michele Meier

Downing & Nelson Oil Company, Inc.