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March 7, 2014

John Jay Darrah, Jr.
PO Box 2786
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Re: Rathbun 7
SE/4 Sec. 16-17S-08W
Ellsworth County, Kansas
15-053-21282-00-00

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 Rathbun 7 well.

The original 365 days for closure expired on 01/23/2014. This extension will expire on 06/07/2014. 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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Thursday, March 06, 2014

Kansas Corporation Commission
Attn: Kathy Haynes
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RE: Kratzer #11 and Rathbun #7 Pits

Kathy Haynes,

Per our phone conversation this morning I am providing you with a written record of why these pits have not been closed to date and request further time to do so.

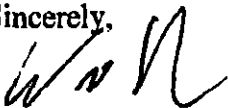
I have been diligently working on closing these pits but due to timing of rains, I have been unable to close them completely as of yet. This is however not without trial and some success. I have sent dirt crews out on multiple occasions and they have aided in partially closing the pits and diverting more water from entering them.

As mentioned above the pits have been pushed in as much as possible so that they do not hold as much water as they once could. As you are likely aware closing pits that have not be dried of fluid causes unstable ground conditions and it is my intention to close them correctly. In as much I need for the remaining fluid to evaporate to fully close them.

The timing and density of rain has hindered this work, while we maybe in drought conditions, well timed heavy downpours caused intense run off conditions in the area that allowed fresh water to reenter the near dried pits. I had dirt moved to further dyke the pits and prevent this from further happening. However as the case is now there still remains some rain water in the pits yet to evaporate.

You have my assurance that closing these pits is a priority to me. I have to date spent more management time and money than I am accustom to for pit closures but accept that it is a matter of circumstance. I will see them closed however require administrative understanding that they have not been fully closed to date and will require some more time that the job maybe done correctly.

Sincerely,



Will Darrah
Manager for John Jay Darrah, Jr.

cc: Phil Martin, Field Rep for Darrah
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