

Conservation Division
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June 22, 2015

Stan Froetschner
Murfin Drilling Company, Inc.
400 S. Vanhouten
PO Box 288
Russell, KS 67665

**Re: Bemis I 9
NW/4 Sec. 04-12S-17W
Ellis County, Kansas
15-051-26517-00-00
Closure of Drill Pit - Extension of Time Unavailable**

Operator:

A review of your recent correspondence and/or our file indicates that the referenced pit remains open, and that a further extension of time to close the pit is not available to you. The pit is or was required to be closed by May 21, 2015.

If you wish to obtain an exception to K.A.R. 82-3-602, you will need to file a formal application and publish notice under K.A.R. 82-3-100. Note that the application may or may not be granted. You may contact our legal department if you have questions about that process.

If the referenced pit is not closed along with a Surface Pit Closure ("CDP-4") Form submitted, or alternatively if a formal application has not been filed, by **July 22, 2015**, staff may make a penalty recommendation to the Commission, which may result in a monetary fine.

You are welcome to contact me with any questions, by either calling the phone number at the top of the page or emailing me at k.haynes@kcc.ks.gov.

Sincerely,

Kathy Haynes
Conservation Division
Kansas Corporation Commission

INSPECTION REPORT

Case# _____

<input type="checkbox"/>	Complaint
<input type="checkbox"/>	New Situation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Response to request
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Follow-up

Date: June 18, 2015

Operator: Murfin Drilling Company, Inc.

License: 30606

Address: 250 N Water Street, Ste. 300

Location: NW/4 4-12s-17w

City/St: Wichita, Kansas

Lease: Bemis I

Phone: 316-267-3241

County: Ellis

Reason for investigation: Check Status of Pit Closure

Problem: Reserve pit remains open, and construction does not prevent surface drainage from entering pit.

Findings:

- A lease inspection was conducted June 18, 2015 to determine if the reserve pit associated with the producing oil well, Bemis I 9 (API: 15-051-26517; GPS: 39.0440068, -99.2217366; Footages: 420' FNL & 335' FWL) is closed.
- The pit has been partially backfilled, but remains open, and is holding water.
- The pit was not constructed in such a way as to prevent surface drainage from entering the pit.
- Aquatic vegetation is growing within the pit.

Photos: 1

Action /recommendations:

- Operator is in violation of K.A.R. 82-3-602 (a) for failure to close the pit prior to the expiration of the final extension.
- Operator is in violation of K.A.R. 82-3-600 (f) for improper pit construction.
- Refer to legal for determination.

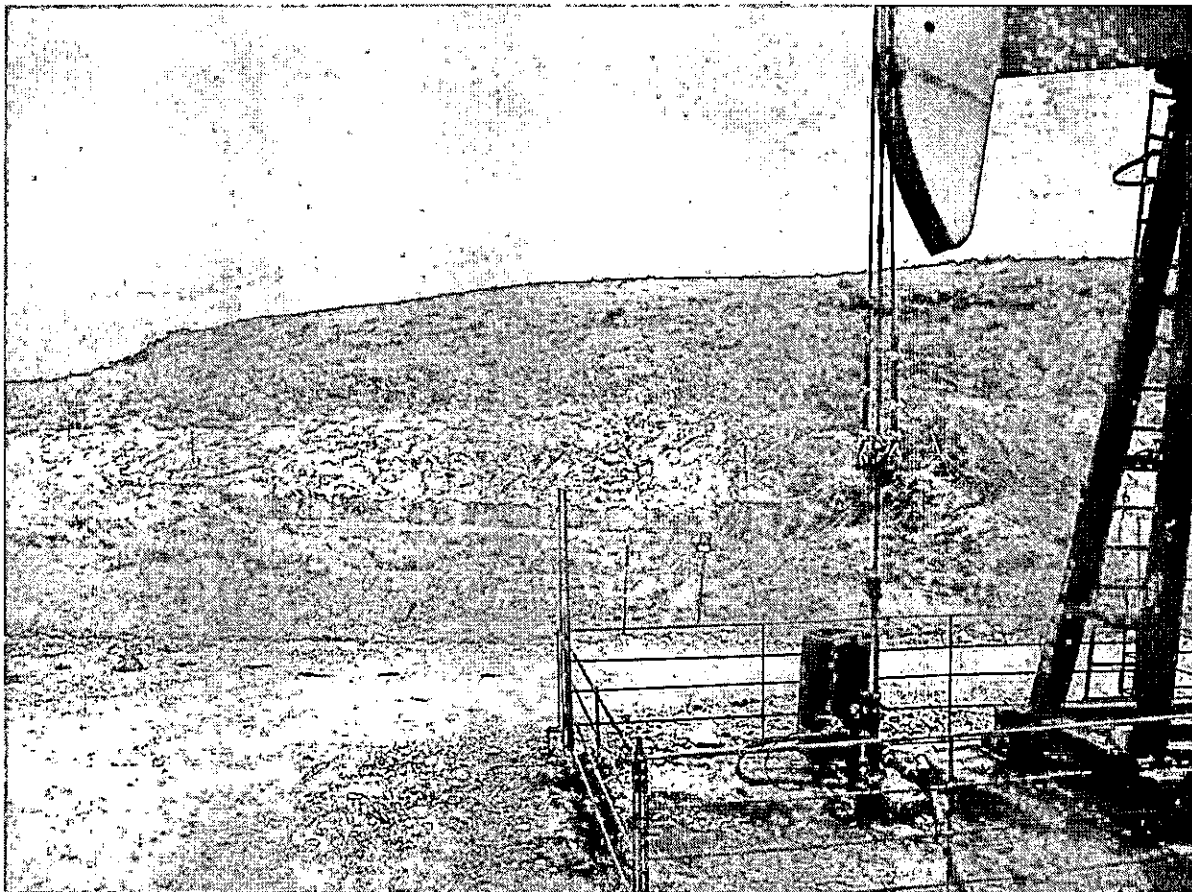
Chris Neeley
Environmental Scientist
June 18, 2015

Chris Neeley

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June 18, 2015
Bemis I 9
Ellis County, Kansas

- Lease inspection on June 18, 2015 to check for compliance with State Rules & Regulations regarding the Conservation of Crude Oil & Natural Gas.



The reserve pit associated with the producing oil well Bemis I 9 has not been constructed in such a way as to prevent surface drainage from entering the pit. Water is ponded within the pit, and aquatic vegetation is now growing along the right side of the pit.

Photo taken June 18, 2015.

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December 19, 2014

Murfin Drilling Company, Inc.
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Re: NOTICE OF VIOLATION – 82-3-602
Bemis I 9
NW/4 04-12S-17W
Ellis County, KS
15-051-26517-00-00

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is to inform you that an additional extension of time in which to close the drilling pits associated with the Bemis I 9 well, that was requested in your letter dated December 17, 2014, has been **denied**.

The original 365 days for closure expired on April 26, 2014 and the granted extension expired on November 26, 2014. 82-3-602 states that no pit permit extension shall be extended beyond six months after the original deadline.

The drilling pits must be closed and the Closure of Surface Pit, form CDP-4, must be filed by January 9, 2015. **Failure to close the pit and file the CDP-4 by January 9, 2015, will result in a \$250 penalty for failure to timely close the pit.**

Please complete the CDP-4 through KOLAR (Kansas On-Line Automated Reporting) at <http://kolar.kgs.ku.edu>.

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October 21, 2014

Murfin Drilling Company, Inc.
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Re: Bemis I 9
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Ellis County, Kansas
15-051-26517-00-00

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is to inform you that you have been granted an additional extension of time in which to close the drilling pits associated with the Bemis I 9 well.

The original 365 days for closure expired on 04/26/2014. This extension will expire 11/26/2014. **No additional extensions will be granted.** 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, **but not the time period for filing the waste transfer form (CDP-5).**

Failure to close the pit prior to the expiration date shall result in a monetary penalty in accordance with K.A.R. 82-3-602(a).

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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September 5, 2014

Murfin Drilling Company, Inc.
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785-483-5371 ext 4 Office 785-483-1197 Cell

December 17, 2014

Sammy Flaharty
Kansas Corporation Commission
266 N Main Ste 220
Wichita, KS 67202-3802

Sammy,

We are asking for an extension on the following due to wet conditions of the pit sites. Pits are still too wet to backfill.

API#	Well Name:	Location:
15-051-26466-00-00	HFM #1-33	33-14S-18W
15-051-26489-00-00	Befort #1-12	12-15S-19W
15-051-26517-00-00	Bemis I #9	4-12S-17W

Sincerely,

Stan Froetschner

Production Superintendent

Murfin Drilling Co., Inc.

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WICHITA, KS