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August 14, 2015

Prater Oil & Gas Operations, Inc.  
1303 N. Main St  
Pratt, KS 67124-1205

Re: Banks 4  
SE/4 Sec. 36-30S-12W  
Barber County, Kansas  
15-007-24175-00-00

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 Banks 4 well.

The original 365 days for closure expired on 06/04/2015. This extension will expire on 11/14/2015. 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, **but not the time period for filing the waste transfer form (CDP-5).**

*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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August 6, 2015

Kathy Haynes  
Kansas Corporation Commission  
Conservation Division  
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Dear Ms. Haynes:

We received a "Notice of Violation" for the Banks #4 located in Barber County, Kansas for failure to submit a CDP-4 Surface Pit Closure form. Due to above average rainfall in Barber County the pit has not completely dried out. Therefore, we have been unable to completely close the pit. We would like to request a 6 month extension to file CDP-4 in order to give the pit additional time to dry out and allow us to completely close it. Please let us know if you need any additional information to grant us this extension.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Prater". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Ron Prater, President  
Prater Oil & Gas Operations, Inc.

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