

Conservation Division
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July 21, 2016

Merit Energy Company
1701 N. Kansas
PO Box 1293
Liberal, KS 67905

**Re: Hoffman T 4
NW/4 Sec. 07-32S-33W
Seward County, Kansas
15-175-22230-01-00
Closure of Drill Pit - Extension of Time Unavailable**

Operator:

A review of your recent correspondence and/or our files 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 June 18, 2016.

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 **August 22, 2016**, 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy Haynes".

Kathy Haynes
Conservation Division
Kansas Corporation Commission

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April 8, 2016

Merit Energy Company
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PO Box 1293
Liberal, KS 67905

Re: Hoffman T 4
NW/4 Sec. 07-32S-33W
Seward County, Kansas
15-175-22230-01-00

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 Hoffman T 4 well.

The original 365 days for closure expired on 12/18/2015. This extension will expire 6/18/2016. **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

Cc: File
District

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January 7, 2016

Merit Energy Company
1701 N. Kansas
PO Box 1293
Liberal, KS 67905

Re: Hoffman T 4
NW/4 Sec. 07-32S-33W
Seward County, Kansas
15-175-22230-01-00

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 Hoffman T 4 well.

The original 365 days for closure expired on 12/18/2015. This extension will expire on 4/07/2016. 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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Liberal, Kansas 67905

January 6, 2016

Kansas State Corporation Commission
Conservation Division (Oil & Gas)
266 N. Main St., Ste. 220
Wichita, KS 67202-1513

RE:

Name	Pit Type	API	Comment
Shell B-6	Onsite	15-055-22331	Pit is still wet due to Snow and Rain
Wiggains 12-13	Onsite	15-189-22837	Pit is still wet due to Snow and Rain
Hoffman T-4	Onsite	15-175-22230-01-00	Pit is still wet due to Snow and Rain

Miss Haynes:

The pit closures for the wells listed above are coming due, but the pits are too wet to be backfilled, due to snow and rain we've had lately.

We are requesting an extension of the deadline to 2/29/2016, hoping that time frame will give the pits enough time to dry.

Thanks in advance for your patience. If there are any questions or you require further information, please contact me at the address listed above or by phone at (620) 629-4228.

Sincerely,

Idania Medina
Merit Energy Company – Regulatory Analyst

Cc: Merit – Dallas
Well Files

Kathy Haynes

From: Medina, Idania <Idania.Medina@meritenergy.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 07, 2016 4:06 PM
To: Kathy Haynes
Subject: RE: Pit Closures
Attachments: DOC000.pdf; DOC001.pdf

Hi Kathy,

Hope you are having a great day. The attached pit closures were due today, but they are still well, due to the moisture we had these past few months. Our foreman Isaac Gaard spoke to Ken Jehlik about it and Ken asked us to let you know. He said that if they don't dry soon, we might have to widen the pits and spread the mud out so they can dry faster. Can you please let me know what is the next step we need to take on your side?

Thank you!!!

Idania Medina

Ph: (620) 629-4228

From: Medina, Idania
Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2016 10:00 AM
To: 'Kathy Haynes'
Subject: RE: Pit Closures

Attached is the pit extension letter.

Thank you again!

Idania Medina

Ph: (620) 629-4228

From: Kathy Haynes [<mailto:k.haynes@kcc.ks.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2016 9:27 AM
To: Medina, Idania
Subject: RE: Pit Closures

Yes just send me new requests for all of them. You can attach the letter and email back to me if that is easier.

Thanks

Kathy

From: Medina, Idania [<mailto:Idania.Medina@meritenergy.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2016 9:23 AM
To: Kathy Haynes
Subject: FW: Pit Closures

Good Morning Kathy,

KCC OIL/GAS REGULATORY OFFICES

Date: 04/26/16

District: 01

Case #: _____

- New Situation
- Response to Request
- Follow-Up

- Lease Inspection
- Complaint
- Field Report

Operator License No: 32446

API Well Number: 15-175-22230-01-00

Op Name: Merit Energy Company LLC

Spot: NW SE SW NW Sec 7 Twp 32 S Rng 33 E / W

Address 1: 13727 Noel Road, Ste 1200

3217 Feet from N / S Line of Section

Address 2: _____

4420 Feet from E / W Line of Section

City: Dallas

GPS: Lat: 37.28061 Long: 100.95656 Date: 4/26/16

State: Texas Zip Code: 75240 --

Lease Name: Hoffman T Well #: 4

Operator Phone #: (972) 628-1659

County: Seward

Reason for Investigation:

Requested by Scott Alberg

Problem:

Expired drilling pit extension 4/7/2016.

Persons Contacted:

Kathy Haynes, Scott Alberg

Findings:

1:30 pm
Found reserve pit still open. Trace amounts of water standing.
Will probably need more time to dry due to rain.

Action/Recommendations:

Follow Up Required Yes No

Date: _____

Sent to Kathy Haynes

Verification Sources:

Photos Taken: 03

- | | | |
|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RBDMS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> KGS | <input type="checkbox"/> TA Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> T-I Database | <input type="checkbox"/> District Files | <input type="checkbox"/> Courthouse |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>on-site inspection</u> | | |

By: _____

Wade Klaus

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Form: _____

Date: 04/26/16

District: 01

License #: 32446

Op Name: 32446

Spot: NW SE SW NW Sec 7 Twp 32 S Rng 33 E W

County: Seward

Lease Name: Hoffman T Well #: 4

I.D. Sign Yes No

Tank Battery Condition
Condition: Good Questionable Overflowing

Pits, Injection Site
Fluid Depth: _____ ft; Approx. Size: _____ ft. x _____ ft.

Oil Spill Evidence

Abandoned Well Potential Pollution Problem Yes No

Lease Cleanliness
 Very Good Satisfactory Poor Very Bad

Gas Venting Yes No

Pits
Fluid Depth: _____ ft; Approx. Size: _____ ft. x _____ ft.

Saltwater Pipelines
Leaks Visible: Y N Tested for Leaks: Y N

Flowing Holes

TA Wells

Monitoring Records

SWD/ER Injection Well Yes No Seward

Permit #: _____ Pressure – Actual: _____ psi; Authorized: _____ psi

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Gauge Connections Yes No

Tubing: _____; T/C Annulus: _____; C/SP Annulus: _____

Tubing: _____; T/C Annulus: _____; C/SP Annulus: _____

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Tubing: _____; T/C Annulus: _____; C/SP Annulus: _____

API Number	Footages	Spot Location	GPS	Well #	Well Status

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Operator License No: 32446

API Well Number: 15-189-22837-00-00

Op Name: Merit Energy Company LLC

Spot: NE NE SW NE Sec 12 Twp 35 S Rng 36 E / W

Address 1: 13727 Noel Road, Ste 1200

3735 Feet from N / S Line of Section

Address 2: _____

1311 Feet from E / W Line of Section

City: Dallas

GPS: Lat: 37.02102 Long: 101.17999 Date: 4/26/16

State: Texas Zip Code: 75240 -

Lease Name: Wiggains Well #: 12-13

Operator Phone #: (972) 628-1659

County: Stevens

Reason for Investigation:

Request from Scott Alberg

Problem:

Expired drilling pit extension on 4/7/2016.

Persons Contacted:

Kathy Haynes, Scott Alberg

Findings:

9:10 am

Found reserve pit still partially open and containing rain water.
Pit would have to have water removed and given additional time to dry before backfilling.

Action/Recommendations:

Follow Up Required Yes No

Date: _____

Sent to Kathy Haynes.

Verification Sources:

Photos Taken: 2

- RBDMS
- T-I Database
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- KGS
- District Files
- TA Program
- Courthouse

By: _____

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Op Name: 32446

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County: Stevens

Lease Name: Wiggains Well #: 12-13

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