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January 13, 2016

Lotus Operating Company LLC  
100 S. Main Ste 420  
Wichita, KS 67202

Re: Achenbach 4  
SW/4 Sec. 01-35S-13W  
Barber County, Kansas  
15-007-24257-00-00

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 Achenbach 4 well.


The original 365 days for closure expired on 11/29/2015. This extension will expire on 4/13/2016. 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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January 8, 2016

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RE: #4 Achenbach  
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Dear Ms. Haynes,

The pits on the #4 Achenbach lease are still wet but we have been crowding them throughout the year and have cut 'windows' in the side of the berms to allow more air flow. Baring no more extremely wet weather; I suspect we'll have them filled within a 6 month widow.

Lotus Operating is asking for a 6 month extension on the pits to ensure we get them completely dry before they are finally closed. If weather permits, we'll close them shortly and a CDP-4 will follow immediately.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Yours truly,

Tim Hellman  
Lotus Operating Company, L.L.C.