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February 20, 2017

Messenger Petroleum, Inc.
525 South Main St
Kingman, KS 67068

Re: Doc's Trust 1
SW/4 Sec. 20-29S-09W
Kingman County, Kansas
15-095-22301-00-00

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 Doc's Trust 1 well.

The original 365 days for closure expired on 12/30/2016. This extension will expire on 05/20/2017. 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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MESSENGER PETROLEUM, INC.

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Attn: Kathy Haynes

Re: Surface Pit Closure
Doc's Trust #1
NW SW NE SW 20-29S-9W
Kingman Co., KS

Dear Kathy Haynes/KCC:

I have received your letter (Notice of Violation) dated 02-01-2017. I have spoken with Steve VanGeison (KCC district 2) and the landowner (Mike Molitor) about this situation. This letter is to inform you of Messenger Petroleum, Inc's previous actions and current situation.

MPI did remove drilling fluids from the reserve pit for the above referenced well. MPI has removed rain water from the pit at numerous times in an effort to allow it to dry up enough to backfill. MPI has crowded the reserve pit a number of times and the remaining walls do have windows punched in them in an effort to allow more air to flow for maximum evaporation/drying. MPI will continue to make every effort for drying in order to close the pit at the earliest opportunity, with approval of the landowner. Landowner has indicated that he does NOT want to pre-maturely close the pit until it has sufficiently dried; as it is located in cultivated crop land and he does NOT want a soft spot.

Therefore, Messenger Petroleum, Inc. is requesting an additional 6 months (due to this timing and spring approaching) for the closure of this pit.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon F. Messenger', written over a horizontal line.

Jon F. Messenger