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# 15-055-22443-00-00

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December 8, 2017

Linn Operating, Inc. JP Morgan Chase Tower 600 Travis, Ste 1400 Houston, TX 77002

Re: Sudan Interior Mission 5-17 SW/4 Sec. 17-22S-34W Finney County, Kansas 15-055-22443-00-00

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 Sudan Interior Mission 5-17 well.

The original 365 days for closure expired on 11/15/2017. This extension will expire on 03/08/2018. 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 <a href="https://kolar.kgs.ku.edu">https://kolar.kgs.ku.edu</a>.

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:

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December 7, 2017

Kansas Corporation Commission Attn: Ryan Hoffman 266 N. Main St., Suite 220 Wichita, KS 67202

RE: Surface Pit Closure Extension Requests

Mr. Hoffman,

Linn Operating, LLC respectfully requests approval for a 6 month extension until 5/2/2018 in which to close the surface pits on the following locations:

- 1. Sudan Interior Mission 5-17 (API 15-055-22443)
- 2. Sudan Interior Mission 6-17 (API 15-055-22444)

Linn apologizes for not notifying the KCC of this extension request prior to the 11/2/17 pit closure deadline. These locations experienced some rains in late summer which kept the pits from being dry enough to close, and it is not ideal to close them during winter months. Linn also does not want to prematurely fill them because that may cause issues with equipment sinking if/when heavy equipment drives over the pit locations.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding this extension request, please do not hesitate to contact Jason Phelps (Operations Supervisor) at 620-356-6961 or JPhelps@linnenergy.com.

Sincerely,

Daniel Busch Regulatory Advisor

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