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January 16, 2018

Stewart Producers, Inc.
301 N 27th St
PO Box 546
Mt Vernon, IL 62864-0546

Re: Rufenacht 1
SW/4 Sec. 32-17S-24W
Ness County, Kansas
15-135-25927-00-00

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 Rufenacht 1 well.

The original 365 days for closure expired on 10/04/2017. This extension will expire 04/04/2018. **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

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District

Kathy Haynes

15-135-25927-00-00

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 1:37 PM
To: Kathy Haynes
Cc: 'Robert Stewart'
Subject: [REDACTED]
Attachments: Rufenacht_Intent_to_drill.pdf

This is an EXTERNAL EMAIL. Think before clicking a link or opening attachments.

Dear Ms. Haynes,

Stewart Producers has been making progress to close the above referenced pits: As drying has progressed, our dirt contractor has been able to partially close the pits. I spoke with him today, and he may be able to finish within another week. However we would like to request an additional extension. The original extension went to Saturday January 13, 2018.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Mark A. Thompson
Geologist,
Stewart Producers, Inc.
(316) 734-3141

From: Mark Thompson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 2:47 PM
To: k.haynes@kcc.ks.gov
Cc: 'Robert Stewart' [REDACTED]
Subject: Stewart Producers, Inc. Rufenacht #1 Pit Closure Extension

Dear Ms. Haynes,

Stewart Producers, Inc. (Lic. # 34996) spudded their Rufenacht #1 335' FSL, 335' FWL Sec. 34-T17S-R24W, Ness County (API 15-135-25927-00-00) on October 4, 2016. The well was plugged and abandoned on October 11, 2016. The bentonite lined drilling pits have not completely dried out. Our dirt contractor conducts periodic inspections. Every time the pit is nearly dry, it rains again. We are requesting an extension of time to allow the pit to dry completely before backfilling. Because we are approaching winter, followed by spring, we may need up to an additional year to get through summer.

I have attached a copy of the intent to drill, including the application for surface pit, indicating size (80' x 80' x 5') and volume (1000 bbls).

Please let me know if you require any other information.

Respectfully,

Mark A. Thompson
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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.

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