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**From:** Martin, Denise  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2020 12:00 PM  
**To:** Chambers, Jenny; Mavencamp, Terri  
**Subject:** FW: Covid19 Delays: Omimex Compressor Stations 002 and 015

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**From:** Alvey, Laura  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 16, 2020 11:48 AM  
**To:** Martin, Denise <demartin@mt.gov>  
**Subject:** Covid19 Delays: Omimex Compressor Stations 002 and 015

Hello Denise:

On April 2, 2020, Nate Olsen of WCEC called me to discuss delaying the installation of monitoring wells at Omimex Compressor Station 002 and 015. These are both remote compressor stations in Toole County. At each of these sites, shallow groundwater is contaminated and DEQ has required additional delineation of the plumes. The nearest drinking water wells are more than a mile away, and drinking water wells are generally completed in deeper aquifers. There is no immediate risk to human health from the contaminated groundwater at either of these sites.

I spoke with Nate Olsen today, April 16, 2020 about DEQ's tracking of Covid19 work delays, and I informed him that information regarding the delays would be publicly posted on DEQ's website. I asked him if he had any concerns about this, or if he wanted to check with Omimex. He indicated that he did not have concerns about WCEC/Omimex's decision to postpone work, and that he is ok with posting that information publicly.

A scan of the April 2, 2020 phone log is attached to this email. I apologize that my handwriting is difficult to read. Below is a brief summary of the phone call:

- Work at the Omimex sites would require mobilization of WCEC staff and a drilling crew to Toole County, and would require overnight stays in Cut Bank.
- Omimex and WCEC are not comfortable with the travel and overnight stay part of this work given the Covid19 situation.
- WCEC will reschedule this work for later this spring or summer. WCEC is looking at ways to safely conduct field work that would not require staying in hotels and eating in restaurants (for example, they may look at mobilizing trailers to the site).
- WCEC will keep me informed of the work schedule.
- I agreed with rescheduling work when the work can be completed safely. Both of these sites are ranked low priority, and postponing the work will not negatively affect human health.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

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