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Cc: Levi McKay <lmckay@newfields.com>; Heather Luinstra <hluinstra@richland.org>
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Dear Mr. Peterson and Mr. Johnson:

On March 31, 2020, the Montana Department of Environmental Quality agreed to delaying work at the Sidney Red-E-Mix used oil release site. DEQ issued a notice of violation on July 3, 2019, and this work is one of the steps needed to bring the site into compliance. This email is a follow-up to the March 31, 2020 email.

The Sidney Red-E-Mix site is the site of a release of waste oil from an above-ground storage tank. The oil went into a borrow ditch. During high water events, the ditch carries storm water into the Sidney Sugar lagoon/pond. The waste oil has been cleaned up, and oil absorbent booms are in place to capture oil and sheen that may be released during precipitation events. Richland County Sanitarian, Heather Luinstra, has been keeping track of the site. There are no immediate threats to human health or the environment.

The remaining work at this site is a sheen survey followed by confirmation sampling. The current timeline is for this work to happen by mid July 2020, so technically Sidney Red-E-Mix is still well within their window of time to complete the work. The consultant for the site, Newfields, had an opportunity to conduct the work in late March/early April 2020, but then decided not to conduct the work in light of the Covid19 situation. Newfields has indicated that they will be in Eastern Montana in the near future, and the work will be scheduled.

DEQ approves Sidney Red-E-Mix's and Newfields' request to postpone the sheen survey and confirmation sampling at this site until after the Governor's April 7, 2020 directive implementing Executive Orders 2-2020 and 3-2020 and any extension of this directive expires or is lifted; or until restrictions are phased out such that the investigation work may continue without violating the Directive. Please contact me by May 22, 2020 regarding rescheduling of this work. I would prefer to be onsite during the sheen survey because sheen can be difficult to document with photographs, and it is beneficial to have everyone looking at the same thing.

Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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