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Subject: RE: Valley Farmers Supply Truck Spill Project Delay (CVID# 21859)

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Dear Mr. Peterson:

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has reviewed your request to postpone groundwater investigation work at the Valley Farmers release site located 0.25 miles west of Worden. Pioneer Technical Services has completed soil cleanup and restoration of the affected irrigation ditch (for additional protection, a pipe has been installed in the ditch to transport irrigation water through the affected area). Residual soil and groundwater impacts are likely to be highest in the immediate vicinity of the release area. DEQ has verified that groundwater contamination at the site is unlikely to pose immediate risk to human health. The nearest water well is presumed to be approximately 500 feet to the north of the site at a dairy (based on aerial photography).

DEQ approves Pioneer's request to postpone the installation and sampling of groundwater wells 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. If DEQ receives new or different information suggesting contamination from the site poses more immediate risks to human health or the environment, then DEQ may require that Valley Farmers perform additional work prior to the expiration or lifting of the April 7, 2020 directive or extensions of such.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Laura,

On behalf of Valley Farmers Supply company, Pioneer Technical Services, Inc. is requesting a project schedule delay for the planned groundwater well installation phase for the Valley Farmers Supply truck spill site. This delay is requested due to the current COVID-19 situation and the potential exposure risk to our Geoprobe drill rig crew. The crew and equipment are based in Butte, which would require them to mobilize to Yellowstone County to conduct the work at the spill site near Worden. This would require the crew to stay in a hotel, get take-out food or visit grocery stores, and potentially stop for fuel on the way to/from the site. Delaying the work until Governor Bullock lifts the Stay at Home order would minimize potential COVID-19 exposure to the crew. This spill site is not considered an immediate threat to human health, as the emergency response cleanup actions has been completed and the ditch system has been reconstructed with solid pipe to eliminate the potential for irrigation water to infiltrate into the subsurface near the spill location. In addition, a remediation fluid has been applied to the spill location prior to backfilling to address any remaining residual petroleum impact.

Thank you for your consideration,

Charlie



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