



March 5, 2015

*Sent via electronic mail*

Ms. Dicki Peterson  
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Permit ID: C1984003B  
Revision Type: Amendment  
Permitting Action: Deficiency  
Subject: AM4, 8th Round Acceptability Deficiency

Dear Dicki:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has completed its acceptability review regarding Western Energy Company's application for Amendment AM4 deficiency response on February 2, 2015.

Western Energy Company submitted an addendum to the areas A, B, and C PHC to address the deficiencies identified in DEQ's letter of June 3, 2014. While the approach and most of the response is acceptable, the following deficiencies were identified:

- There appears to have been an unintended change in the value for the outflows on page 13 of Addendum 1 compared to the previous submittal. Please correct.
- In Table 4, please add a column showing how the average for the spoil TDS concentration was determined.
- Please submit the raw data of taxonomic counts in the EFAC stream aquatic survey.

Upon receipt of satisfactory responses to these deficiencies, DEQ will determine the application to be acceptable.

Please feel free to contact Robert D. Smith at 406-444-7444 with questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert D. Smith".

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