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Sent via electronic mail

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Permit ID: C1984003B
Revision Type: Bond Release
Permitting Action: Deficiency
Subject: First Round Acceptability Deficiency for Bond Release Application #SL15, Final Bond Release

Dear Dicki:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has reviewed Bond Release Application #SL14. It is DEQ's conclusion that Application #SL15 includes areas that are not currently eligible for bond release. These deficiencies include the following:

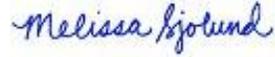
- Prior to bond release approval, Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) Permit No. MT0023965 must be modified. As approval of Application #SL15 for final bond release will reduce the permit boundary, outfall relocation and/or addition will be necessary. If maintaining drainage control requires that portions of the bond release application be omitted, please provide an updated map and acreage.
- Replacement of a stock well and watering tank with an electric system has left behind abandoned tanks and a windmill. These items must be removed prior to bond release approval
- A series of metal posts remain in the bond release area, just south of the stock well. These posts are a remnant of a past soil movement study and are no longer needed. The posts must be removed prior to bond release approval
- A monitoring well located in the bond release application area has a broken cap that requires repair. The well is part of a group of wells located north of the dragline crossing corridor.

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In order to proceed with Application #SL15 in a timely manner, DEQ advises Western Energy Company to address the above deficiencies. Upon receipt of your response, an inspection may be required prior to DEQ determining the bond release to be acceptable. Please feel free to contact me with questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melissa Sjolund".

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Please see attached electronic correspondence. Have a great day!

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*The best laid schemes o' Mice an' Men,
Gang aft agley ~Robert Burns*