



April 14, 2020

Sent via electronic mail

Mr. Dusty Weber
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Permit ID: C1993017
Revision Type: N/A
Permitting Action: N/A
Subject: Weekly Spring Monitoring

Dear Dusty:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has reviewed your notification dated April 13, 2020, that due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and home quarantine SPE has no personnel to conduct the weekly monitoring for the week of April 13-19, 2020.

As stated in Appendix 314-4 Monitoring and Quality Assurance Plan of your approved permit "Unexpected circumstances (e.g., inclement weather, safety hazards, or unusual site conditions) may occasionally preclude completion of monitoring activities as described herein. Typical weather-related conditions for Montana, such as snow cover and mud, are not unexpected circumstances except when present in unusual severity. In the event, that monitoring cannot be completed as described, the operator or their agent will notify DEQ via email at DEQCoal@mt.gov within 24 hours of attempting monitoring or before the end of the monitoring period, whichever is sooner. This notification will include evidence of the unexpected circumstance encountered and the plan for additional monitoring attempts, if applicable. With DEQ's written approval, monitoring requirements may be waived on a case-by-case basis. DEQ will not waive any monitoring where the first attempt at monitoring does not occur in the first half of the monitoring period."

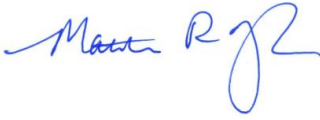
Based on Montana Governor Steve Bullocks stay-at-home order pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic (Executive Orders 2-2020 and 3-2020), DEQ agrees to wave the weekly monitoring requirements for the week starting on Monday, April 13, 2020 and ending on Sunday April 19, 2020.

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

Sincerely,

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Subject: C1993017 Weekly Spring Monitoring Interruption
Attachments: COVID-19Interruptionofnormalweeklyspringmonitoring.pdf

Please see attached correspondence. Have a great day!

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