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VIA ELECTRONIC AND FIRST-CLASS MAIL

Doug McReynolds
BNSF Railway Company
4200 Deen Rd.
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Re: Wilcox Oil Superfund Site, Bristow, Creek County, Oklahoma
Request for Extension of Good Faith Offer Response Date

Dear Mr. McReynolds:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") received your August 5, 2014, written request on behalf of the BNSF Railway Company ("BNSF") for an extension to respond to the Wilcox Oil Superfund Site Special Notice Letter.

Although the EPA understands the circumstances in which BNSF finds itself and the need to investigate its liability with relation to the Site, the EPA needs to move forward and conduct the remedial investigation at the Wilcox Oil site as soon as possible. The remedial investigation is the only process that will give the EPA an in-depth understanding of the existing contamination at the site and determine the appropriate remedy. Therefore, the EPA will not grant an extension to September 26, 2014, as requested. However, the response date for BNSF has been extended to August 27, 2014.

The EPA will continue to work through any outstanding liability issues as we proceed with the remedial investigation/feasibility study ("RI/FS") negotiations. We look forward to working with BNSF toward a resolution that would enable the start of the RI/FS in the near future.

If you have any further questions, please contact Mr. Marvin Benton at (214) 665-3190 or benton.marvin@epa.gov or Mr. Lance Nixon at (214) 665-2203 or nixon.lance@epa.gov. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Carl E. Edlund, P.E.
Director
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