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From: Garcia, Richard F [mailto:Richard.Garcia@crc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 4:31 PM
To: Dermer, Michele; Rodriguez, Raymond
Cc: Pineda, Sonnie T; Albright, David; Nelson, Micky; Bond, Bob A
Subject: FW: EHP UIC Permit & AE Application

Michele:

We will be traveling to Sacramento this Thursday afternoon to meet with the SWB on Friday to discuss these issues.

Tuesday would be a better time for us to have a conference call.

In preparation for the call, we will need to know from the EPA what direction CRC will need to proceed on this very important matter.

If Tuesday will work for you, I will send a meeting notice with a call in number.

Thanks, Rick & Raymond

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Subject: RE: EHP UIC Permit & AE Application

Ray,

The EPA has been informed about recent communications between CRC, and DOGGR and the Water Board (please refer to the attached correspondence). The April 29, 2015 aquifer exemption application submitted to EPA by Elk Hills Power for the proposed new wells, was predicated on the Water Board's February 11, 2015 letter. Since there is an ongoing deliberation between CRC and state agencies about exemptions in the Elk Hills field, EPA is still considering this matter. We will be meeting with the State agencies in the coming weeks to assess the specific exemption as it pertains to the Class I wells. In the meantime, David Albright and I can be available for a conference call with you. I've just checked schedules and we could arrange a call on Thursday afternoon at 2, if that would be convenient? I will not be in the office tomorrow, so please give me a call to confirm. Please send me an email with the telephone number we can reach you on Thursday. If you have a conference call in number, that would be helpful, as David and I will be in different locations. Thanks.

Sincerely,

Michele

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Michele –

Rick and I just left you a phone message. I hate being so desperate for a status update but I'm getting asked about our UIC permit application and Aquifer Exemption application practically on a daily basis. Our geology team has especially been eager to understand why we can't submit our UIC permit application after they took the time to prepare it in-house.

Please let us know if a face-to-face meeting would be acceptable? Rick and I can be there in short notice.

Thanks,

Raymond

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