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Subject: RE: media inquiry: CFAC water wells

HI Rich,

I talked with Mike. We agree. Our plan is to address only the well issue at this point. If other questions come up, we can say that we are responding to the well issue and if he has other questions to please send them to us in advance so that we can share them with the site team in order to develop a more comprehensive response.

Mike did ask the reporter for all of his questions in advance.

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Thanks Robert. I'll send this up to OPA now, and am fine if you feel like you and Mike can navigate and limit any interview to the issue of the wells.

It seems like the wells question referenced in the 4th para is only one of a dozen or more critical points/claims made by this engineer.

Would it be better to focus on responding to the immediate question re: the wells via email? If Mike is doing an interview it seems we will probably need to be prepared to provide our take on the many more statements/claims made by the author.

My larger concern is that if preference is for CFAC to do larger clarification then we should wait and defer to that before getting in a phone interview situation?

Thoughts?

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Hi Rich,

Please see correspondence below. Chris Peterson with the Hungry Horse News would like to interview Mike Cirian, RPM for the CFAC site, regarding a recent article about wells on the site. Mike's draft talking points:

- There are a couple of wells mentioned that we avoided sampling due to known contaminates. This is not the case as the wells had the power disconnected and the production equipment is still in the wells.
- These wells pump at about 1000 gpm and that would not work for our sampling guidance.
- Also it will take a crane and other equipment to remove the well pumps.
- We have historical data for these wells and they have not shown that they are the highest contaminated wells.
- We are also looking at adding these wells into the phase 2 of our Remedial Investigation.

Mike says that CFAC has plans to respond to the article as there is a lot of incorrect information that they would like to have clarified.

Let me know your thoughts. Mike would like to follow up with Mr. Peterson as soon as possible. Thanks.

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From: Cirian, Mike
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Subject: FW: CFAC water wells

Hi Robert,

There are a couple of wells Nino had mentioned we avoided sampling do to known contaminates. This is not the case as the wells had the power disconnected and the production equipment is still in the wells. These wells pump at about 1000 gpm and that would not work for our sampling guidance. Also it will take a crane and other equipment to remove the well pumps. We have historical data for these wells and they have not shown that they are the highest contaminated wells.

We are also looking at adding these wells into the phase 2 of our Remedial Investigation.

Also, CFAC has plans to respond to the article as there is a lot of incorrect information that they would like to have clarified.

Let me know if I can discuss this with Chris.

Thanks,
Mike

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I don't know if you saw this:

http://www.hungryhorsenews.com/article/20170524/ARTICLE/170529985

Do you have time to talk about the wells Nino is talking about?

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