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Subject: RE: Dept. Comment on Fracking Wastes from Noel and Kennetcook Mr. Summers,

I was forwarded your inquiry from Mary Anna for a response. I was at the public meeting in Noel and am sorry we didn't get the opportunity to chat.

During the time period you refer to, the company was not obligated to inform the Department as to the disposition of these waters. It was a requirement that the water be taken to an appropriate facility. As the Department did not attribute a significant risk associated with these ponds and the water contained in them, the Department had no reason to verify where the water was ultimately disposed.

However, as we've stated, including at the public meeting, the Department continues to learn more about this industry and the risks associated with this type of activity. This is fundamental reason for the hydraulic fracturing review so that we ensure an appropriate level of oversight is put into place.

The department still maintains there is low risk associated with the ponds and the water contained by them. There are significant steps currently underway to have the company address these ponds and have the water safely disposed and the pond sites reclaimed to original conditions.

Regards,

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