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Shell Frontier Oil & Gas Inc.
Attn: Florentino Vuelvas
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Dear Mr. Vuelvas,

Our staff has reviewed Shell Frontier Oil & Gas Inc.'s (SFOGI) September 10, 2015 request to release SFOGI from the final annual groundwater sampling as required in SFOGI's approved Plan of Development (POD). The request involves the following wells: 135-4-198-L4 (the BLM believes this is a typo and it should be 135-4-298-L4), 138-4-298-UT, 138-4-298-A, 138-4-298-B, 138-4-298-L5, 138-4-298-L4.

SFOGI ceased operations on Federal Oil Shale Research, Development and Demonstration Lease COC69166 in September 2013 prior to completion of SFOGI's POD. Premature cessation of the project resulted in a reduced amount of recovered nahcolite and no subsequent heating of the formation to temperatures required for the pyrolysis of the oil shale. No exceedances of the numeric protection levels have occurred, nor have water levels been affected. Based on the above, SFOGI's request is approved.

This action corresponds to the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (CDRMS) Prospecting Permit P-2010-026.

If there are any questions, please contact Paul Daggett, Mining Engineer at (970) 878-3819.

Sincerely,

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