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Subject: 2014 Annual Report Review Completion, Wellington Prep Plant, Price River Terminal LLC, C/007/0012, Task ID #4823

Dear Mr. Collins:

The Division staff has completed the review of the 2014 Annual Report. Enclosed is a copy of the review with each reviewer's comments completed on June 25, 2015.

Thank you for your diligence in completing the Annual Report. If you have any questions, please call me at (801) 538-5325.

Sincerely,

Steve Christensen
Permit Supervisor

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Enclosure

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Annual Report

This Annual Report shows information the Division has for your mine. Submit the completed document and any additional information identified in the Appendices to the Division by the date specified in the cover letter. During a complete inspection an inspector will check and verify the information.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Company Name	Price River Terminal, LLC	Mine Name	Wellington Preparation Plant
Permit Number	C/007/0012	Permit expiration Date	2019-12-10
Operator Name	Price River Terminal (PRT)	Phone Number	+1 (817) 717-1000
Mailing Address	3215 West 4th Street	Email	mt.nebo@xmission.com
City	Fort Worth		
State	Texas	Zip Code	76107

DOGM File Location or Annual Report Location

Excess Spoil Piles

- Required
 Not Required

Refuse Piles

- Required
 Not Required

Impoundments

- Required
 Not Required

Other:

OPERATOR COMMENTS

REVIEWER COMMENTS

- Met Requirements Did Not meet Requirements

COMMITMENTS AND CONDITIONS

The Permittee is responsible for ensuring annual technical commitments in the Mining and Reclamation Plan and conditions accepted with the permit are completed throughout the year. The Division has identified these commitments below and has provided space for you to report what you have done during the past year for each commitment. If additional written response is required, it should be filed as an attachment to this report.

Title: RIPARIAN AREA ENHANCEMENT

Objective: To enhance wildlife habitat in the riparian area within the permit area. Salt Cedars will be removed by cutting and herbicide application. Cottonwoods and willow cuttings (collected from upstream borrow area) will be planted in addition to the seed mix.

Frequency: N/A

Status: At Reclamation

Reports: Annual Summary of Reclamation work and include vegetation monitoring reports (if any).

Citation: Volume I-A, Chapter 3, Section 3.42, pg. 2-3.

Operator Comments

The following comments regarding the RIPARIAN ENHANCEMENT plan at the Wellington Prep Plant were provided by DOGM in the 2012 Midterm Review. Also shown below are the responses by the Permittee that addressed DOGMs comments. The responses were approved by DOGM. Final "clean" copies of the approved Midterm Review Responses were provided and dated to DOGM on March 21, 2013.

DOGMs Comments (Midterm Review 2012):

"No deficiencies were issued by Ingrid Campbell; however, the Division would like to remind the Permittee that they have committed to remove Class C noxious weed, tamarisk, in riparian areas and replanting with willow and cottonwood cuttings to enhance wildlife habitat (Mining and Reclamation Plan Volume I-A, Section 3.42)."

NEICO Comments (Midterm Review Responses, March 21, 2012):

- Section 3.42 (page 2) does address tamarisk, but it does not refer to the entire reach of the Price River where this species is the dominant woody plant. The MRP states the following:

The only critical wildlife habitat in the permit area is the riparian area along the Price River. There has been very little disturbance created by the operations at Wellington along the Price River, "but there is one small area that has been disturbed and will receive a concentrated effort for wildlife enhancement at the time of final reclamation" (quotes added for emphasis). This area is located near the pumphouse along the Price River and adjacent to the Farnum county road.

"The area is less than one acre" (quotes added for emphasis), but with a concentrated effort at the time of final reclamation, valuable wildlife habitat could be created. The first step in this effort would be to remove all tamarisk plants in the area, especially along the Price River.

- Also as described in Section 5.40 (page 8) with reference specifically to reclamation in the pumphouse area, the MRP states the following:

The riparian vegetation near the Price River where the reclamation activities will occur is dominated two by non-native plant species: tamarisk (*Tamarisk chinensis*) and common reed (*Phragmitis communis*). Little or no work is expected to be necessary in the riparian vegetation immediately adjacent to the Price River, but some tamarisk plants in the area may need to be removed.

- Tamarisk is classified as a Class C noxious weed in the state of Utah which means the goal is "containment" of this species. It is declared as a noxious weed, not native to the state of Utah that is widely spread but poses a threat to the agricultural industry and agricultural products with a focus on stopping expansion.

- Even though it recognized as a worthwhile goal, due to the magnitude and complexity of such a project it is not the intention of NEICO's to attempt and eradicate this plant from their property entirely.

Reviewer Comments Met Requirements

Did Not Meet Requirements

As noted in the 2013 annual review, the Division and the Permittee should schedule a site visit to the riparian areas for review. There may be opportunity for cooperation between several agencies/entities to remove tamarisk from the property. Lisa Reinhart 5/18/15

REPORTING OF OTHER TECHNICAL DATA

Please list other technical data or information that was not included in the form above, but is required under the approved plan, which must be periodically submitted to the Division.

Please list attachments:

- 1) Quarterly water monitoring is required at the site. Results from the laboratory analyses for this monitoring have been submitted to the DOGMs EDI system on a quarterly basis. The hard-copies of the lab work is also shown to DOGMs inspector during the quarterly complete inspections.
- 2) Certified Quarterly Refuse Pile inspection reports have been submitted in this document.
- 3) Certified Annual Pond Inspection reports have also been submitted herein.

Reviewer Comments

The annual report included copies of the quarterly inspection of the Refuse pile completed on: 3/29/14, 6/28/14, 9/30/14, and 10/28/14 for the Waste rock disposal site. The inspection reports were completed by Dan W Guy, a Utah PE certified professional engineer. The field inspections state that all foundation preparation was completed according to design specification. All of the quarterly inspections documented the pile to be dry. The reports details that all slopes showed no signs of instability such as rills, gullies, or sloughage. The Permittee has addressed the requirements of this commitment. (CP)

