

April 28, 2014

MEMORANDUM

TO: Oil & Gas Industry Representatives
FROM: Mark Watson, Interim State Oil & Gas Supervisor
RE: Verbal to Approve an Application for Permit to Drill (APD)

Due to the volume of permits received by this agency, I am suspending the practice of “verbal approval to drill a well” for 90 days or until August 1, 2014 for APD’s that have been received and waiting on approval for thirty days or less in this office. We will continue to work with industry and will consider an expedited permitting process for an APD that has been waiting for approval for greater than thirty days along with a written request with reasons included. I hope that industry will be patient and understanding and I will reevaluate this issue in three months.