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**To:** [External - Kristina Fugate](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Additional explanation to objection to request to return Kauffman #1-9 (USWN 11-075-20027) well to active status.  
**Date:** Monday, January 09, 2023 11:04:27 AM

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Sent: Monday, January 9, 2023 11:02 AM  
To: Randy Kauffman <[rkauffman25@icloud.com](mailto:rkauffman25@icloud.com)>  
Subject: RE: Additional explanation to objection to request to return Kauffman #1-9 (USWN 11-075-20027) well to active status.

Hi Randy,

Thank you for the additional information. This is confirmation that I have received your email(s).

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From: Randy Kauffman <[rkauffman25@icloud.com](mailto:rkauffman25@icloud.com)>  
Sent: Monday, January 9, 2023 11:00 AM  
To: Mick Thomas <[mthomas@idl.idaho.gov](mailto:mthomas@idl.idaho.gov)>  
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Mr. Thomas,

We hope the following statements will further explain our objection to the request to return well to active status.

We've previously stated the Kauffman #1-9 well is not capable of production at this time, and has not been since October 2018. Six (6) months is a reasonable time for Snake River Oil and Gas to do whatever is necessary to bring the well back to production. Why should it be declared active at this point when the future of further production is uncertain. It is not unreasonable to expect Snake River to bring the well back to production capability before returning the well to active status.

Snake River justifies active status using our contract's shut-in clause. However, they are ignoring the clause requiring them to be in compliance with all laws and regulations. They have not been in compliance with the laws concerning inactive well status for over two years. We have a shut-in check now that we have not deposited, and don't intend to at this time.

Please, let us see what progress is made in the next six (6) months toward the goals of the injection well, and bringing the 1-9 well back on line. We have had too many years of talk and no action. It's time for Snake River to start doing what needs to be done; therefore, six (6) months is a reasonable time to accomplish these goals.

We respectfully ask that the request to return the Kauffman 1-9 well to active status be denied.

Sincerely,

Randy and Thana Kauffman

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