

Data Request:

5-2) The HDD contingency plan referenced in the application has not been provided for review. As stated in the application Section 5.4.2.1 - Potential Impacts to Fisheries, 'the contingency plan will include instructions for monitoring (for drilling fluid loss) during the directional drill and mitigation in the event that there is a release of drilling fluids.' Please provide the plan with complete analysis of potential impacts to aquatic fauna and mitigation measures, including risk of aquifer breaching and drilling fluid spills at waterbody and wetland crossings, risks that are known to occur during HDD.

Updated Response:

Attached is the Project's **updated** Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD) Inadvertent Return Plan. **The attached HDD Inadvertent Return Plan has been updated to provide additional information on prevention, monitoring, and mitigation measures that will be implemented if an inadvertent return of drilling fluid occurs despite prevention efforts.**

In the event that an inadvertent release was to occur within an aquatic resource, SCS will implement the mitigation measures outlined in the attached plan, the measures outlined in the Project's Environmental Construction Plan (Appendix 3 of the Application), as well as all applicable federal and state permits and authorizations.

Change made to preparer of response.