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State of New Mexico  
Energy Minerals and Natural Resources

Oil Conservation Division  
1220 South St. Francis Dr.  
Santa Fe, NM 87505

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NMOCD Artesia

Form C-141  
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Submit 1 Copy to appropriate District Office in  
accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC.

## Release Notification and Corrective Action

### OPERATOR

☐ Initial Report ☒ Final Report

|                 |                                    |               |                      |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Name of Company | Linn Operating Inc.                | Contact       | E.L. Gonzales        |
| Address         | 2130 W Bender Blvd Hobbs, NM 88240 | Telephone No. | 575-738-1739         |
| Facility Name   | H.E. West B #85                    | Facility Type | Oil                  |
| Surface Owner   | Federal                            | Mineral Owner | API No. 30-015-28387 |

### LOCATION OF RELEASE

|             |         |          |       |               |                  |               |                |        |
|-------------|---------|----------|-------|---------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|--------|
| Unit Letter | Section | Township | Range | Feet from the | North/South Line | Feet from the | East/West Line | County |
| K           | 03      | 17S      | 31E   | 2614          | South            | 2621          | West           | Eddy   |

Latitude 32.86357 Longitude -103.85696

### NATURE OF RELEASE

|                             |  |   |               |                            |                    |
|-----------------------------|--|---|---------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Type of Release             | Oil / Produced Water   | Volume of Release                         | 1 bbl / 2 bbl | Volume Recovered           | 1 bbl / 1 bbl      |
| Source of Release           | Polyline – Joint failure   | Date and Hour of Occurrence               | 04/07/2015    | Date and Hour of Discovery | 04/07/2015 10:47am |
| Was Immediate Notice Given? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required | If YES, To Whom?                          |               |                            |                    |
| By Whom?                    | Date and Hour  |   |               |                            |                    |
| Was a Watercourse Reached?  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                            | If YES, Volume Impacting the Watercourse. |               |                            |                    |

If a Watercourse was Impacted, Describe Fully.\*


Describe Cause of Problem and Remedial Action Taken.\* Upon making the lease at the WB#85 noticed fluid in a puddle at flow line just before location on ground. After shutting well in and containing leak, notified Rick Rickman of spill.

Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.\* Area affected was 5ft x 4ft, After picking fluid off ground picked up 2 BBLS, Had a backhoe in area. Scraped up contaminated dirt up, put in dump truck hauled off replaced with clean dirt. Hauled off to an approved disposal.

On April 7, 2015, DFSI personnel responded to the location and placed a berm around the leak to contain the fluid. After the fluid was recovered, DFSI personnel scraped up the saturated soil in the pasture to approximately 4' BGS. The contaminated soil was hauled to an approved disposal. One composite sample of the spill area was taken. This sample was tested for chloride levels as well as BTEX. The BTEX samples were performed using a Mini Rae Photoionization Detector (PID). All field samples that tested below state/BLM requirements were taken to Cardinal Labs of Hobbs to obtain confirmation sample. The results are attached. August 28, 2015, DFSI personnel responded to the location to attain measurements of the cement pit and take preliminary photos.

DFSI personnel returned to the location to re-contour the affected area where the spill/scrape occurred. Twenty percent of 1-acre of LPC seed mix was planted. The site was restored to its previous state. DFSI has conducted a groundwater study of the area and has determined that according to the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer the average depth to groundwater for this area is 250 foot below ground surface.

I hereby certify that the information given above is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and understand that pursuant to NMOCD rules and regulations all operators are required to report and/or file certain release notifications and perform corrective actions for releases which may endanger public health or the environment. The acceptance of a C-141 report by the NMOCD marked as "Final Report" does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations have failed to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that pose a threat to ground water, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, NMOCD acceptance of a C-141 report does not relieve the operator of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

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|--|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Signature:  | <b>OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION</b>      |                      |                                   |
| Printed Name: E.L. Gonzales  | Approved by Environmental Specialist: |                      |                                   |
| Title: Production Supervisor   | Approval Date: 10/14/2015             | Expiration Date: N/A |                                   |
| E-mail Address: elgonzales@linenergy.com   | Conditions of Approval:               |                      | Attached <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Date: 10/07/2015   | Phone: 505-504-8002                   |                      | FINAL                             |

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

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