



# Skelly A Tank Battery (Skelly Unit #128)

## CLOSURE REPORT

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API No. 30-015-22262

Release Date: 05/27/2012

Unit Letter A, Section 22, Township 17 South, Range 31 East

RP# 2RP-1161

### January 31, 2017

**Prepared by:**

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NM Oil Conservation District – Division 2  
811 S. First St.  
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RE: **Linn Energy Skelly A Tank Battery (Skelly Unit #128) – Closure Report**  
UL/A, Section 22, T17S, R31E  
API No. 30-015-22262  
NMOCD Case #: 2R-1161  
NMOCD Score: 0

Mr. Bratcher,

Linn Energy (Linn) has retained Diversified Field Service, Inc. (DFSI) to address environmental issues for the site detailed herein.

The site is located southwest of Maljamar, NM, in Eddy County. The overspray release resulted due to high pressure on compressor, releasing a total of 30 gallons of oil with none recovered. An initial C-141 was submitted to the NMOCD on June 4, 2012, and approved on June 12, 2012 (Appendix I).

DFSI has conducted a groundwater study of the area and has determined, according to the New Mexico Office of the State Engineer, there is no groundwater beneath this site. Therefore, no eminent danger of groundwater impact or threat to life is anticipated (Appendix II).

The impacted soils were scraped and properly disposed of at a NMOCD approved facility. The excavation was backfilled with clean, imported caliche to ground surface and contoured to the surrounding area (Appendix III).

Due to the removal of impacted soils relative to the area of no groundwater, DFSI, on behalf of Linn Energy, submits the final C-141 (Appendix IV) and respectfully requests the closure of the regulatory file for this site.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions concerning this closure request.

Sincerely,



Michael Burton

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cc Shelly Tucker

Appendix I – Initial C-141

Appendix II – Groundwater Study

Appendix III – Site Photos

Appendix IV – Final C-141

# Appendix I

INITIAL C-141

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1625 N French Dr, Hobbs, NM 88240  
District II  
1301 W Grand Avenue, Artesia, NM 88210  
District III  
1000 Rio Brazos Road, Aztec, NM 87410  
District IV  
1220 S St Francis Dr, Santa Fe, NM 87505

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Oil Conservation Division  
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JUN 12 2012

Form C-141  
Revised October 10, 2003

Submit Copy to appropriate District Office in accordance with 19.15.29 NMAC

NMOCD ARTESIA

Release Notification and Corrective Action

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OPERATOR

☒ Initial Report ☐ Final Report

Name of Company: Linn Operating 269324	Contact: Joe Hernandez	
Address: 2130 W. Bender Hobbs, NM 88240	Telephone No.: 575-738-1739	
Facility Name: Skelly A Tank Battery/ Skelly#128	Facility Type: Tank Battery	
Surface Owner: Federal	Mineral Owner: Federal	API No.: 3001522262

LOCATION OF RELEASE

Unit Letter A	Section 22	Township 17S	Range 31E	Feet from the 450	North/South Line North	Feet from the 450	East/West Line East	County Eddy
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Latitude: 32.8261140037943 Longitude: -103.850406737217

NATURE OF RELEASE

Type of Release: Oil	Volume of Release: 30 gal	Volume Recovered: 0
Source of Release: Compressor	Date and Hour of Occurrence: 05/27/2012 2pm	Date and Hour of Discovery: 05/27/2012 2:30pm
Was Immediate Notice Given? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required	If YES, To Whom? M. Bratcher-NM OCD / Terry Gregston-BLM	
By Whom? Joe Hernandez	Date and Hour 05/30/2012 1pm	
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.*: Fluid on vent line high pressure on vessel because Frontier gas plant lost electricity, compressors down and maintenance on compressor caused high pressure- 75psi- had to vent production separator.		
Describe Area Affected and Cleanup Action Taken.*: Fluid blowing out vent with 25-30 mph wind, sprayed 25 x 60 ft on grass and top soil. Remedial action pending..		

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

Signature: [Signature]	OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION	
Printed Name: Joe Hernandez	Signed By [Signature] Approved by District Supervisor:	
Title: Production Foreman	Approval Date: JUN 12 2012	Expiration Date:
E-mail Address: jhernandez@lennenergy.com	Conditions of Approval:	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: 06/04/2012 Phone: 575-942-9492		

\* Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary

Remediation per OCD Rules &  
Guidelines. SUBMIT REMEDIATION  
PROPOSAL NOT LATER THAN:  
7/12/2012

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# Appendix II

## GROUNDWATER STUDY

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# New Mexico Office of the State Engineer

## Water Column/Average Depth to Water

(quarters are 1=NW 2=NE 3=SW 4=SE)  
(quarters are smallest to largest) (NAD83 UTM in meters)

No records found.

PLSS Search:

**Section(s):** 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, **Township:** 17S **Range:** 31E  
23, 26, 27, 28

The data is furnished by the NMOSE/ISC and is accepted by the recipient with the expressed understanding that the OSE/ISC make no warranties, expressed or implied, concerning the accuracy, completeness, reliability, usability, or suitability for any particular purpose of the data.

1/30/17 2:48 PM

WATER COLUMN/ AVERAGE  
DEPTH TO WATER

# Appendix III

## SITE PHOTOS

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# Skelly A Tank Battery (Skelly Unit #128)

## Photo Page



Site completed, facing south-southwest

1/30/2017



Site completed, facing northwest-north

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# Appendix IV

FINAL C-141

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Revised August 8, 2011

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**Release Notification and Corrective Action**

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☐ Initial Report ☒ Final Report

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**OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

Signature: 	Approved by Environmental Specialist:	
Printed Name: Aaron Hickert		
Title: Sr EH&S Representative	Approval Date:	Expiration Date:
E-mail Address: ahickert@linenergy.com	Conditions of Approval:	Attached <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: 01/31/2017 Phone: 432-363-9496		

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