

**From:** [Weaver, Crystal, EMNRD](#)  
**To:** [Christine Alderman](#); [Terry Ainsworth](#)  
**Cc:** [Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD](#); [Groves, Amber](#); [Billings, Bradford, EMNRD](#); [Oberding, Tomas, EMNRD](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [External] FW: Darner 9 St 1 & 16 Battery spill  
**Date:** Friday, September 8, 2017 12:34:00 PM

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Cimarex \* Darner 9 State #1 \* 30-015-37633 \* 2RP-4196

Hello folks,

I need an update on this site as soon as possible please.

It was a site I had inspected and found to be of concern to OCD due to the fact that originally Cimarex sent in an Initial/Final C-141 on 5/1/17 stating that "The fluids were contained within an intact lined berm. The soil/gravel inside the berm soaked up most of the oil, and it will be removed, disposed of and replaced with fresh." The C-141 also stated that the volume of release was 16bbbls crude oil with 5bbbls recovered. OCD asked for additional information regarding integrity of said lined facility and requested that the volume of fill material that was impacted be provided and that said fill material be removed, hauled away and replaced. During OCD's inspection on 6/19/17 photo documentation was collected showing that none of the actions stated regarding what Cimarex had said they would do in the C-141 had been done and that the said intact liner was documented by photos to show it had multiple breaches and those breaches found were in just the areas of the liner that were visible it is unknown what exists beneath the fill material. To date still no further update from Cimarex regarding implementation of these requests has been provided.

Please inform OCD District II Office within 48 hours advance notice on when these tasks are scheduled to take place, please try to schedule during working business hours so that OCD members may have the opportunity to decide if they able to attend.

I also asked for updated info regarding an older release. " **Also as an extra thought:** I was looking over the files for this site and ran into an older release that occurred back in 2014 when Johnny Titsworth worked for Cimarex. We have it listed as case number 2RP-2391. He had made some efforts to remediate for the part of the spill that hit the ground and went into the pasture but we never heard back on what happened to finalize this one. I attached the original C-141 for it. So if you have any further info (i.e. analytical data) on this it would be much appreciated if you all could share it with us and we can possibly close this old one out. Thank you in advance." And have not heard back on that request.

Please contact myself or Mike Bratcher here at the OCD District II Office in Artesia if there are any questions or concerns.

**Crystal Weaver**

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**From:** Christine Alderman [mailto:[calderman@cimarex.com](mailto:calderman@cimarex.com)]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 7:35 AM  
**To:** Weaver, Crystal, EMNRD <[Crystal.Weaver@state.nm.us](mailto:Crystal.Weaver@state.nm.us)>  
**Subject:** RE: [External] FW: Darner 9 St 1 & 16 Battery spill

Yes ma'am. Will do.

Christine Alderman

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**From:** Weaver, Crystal, EMNRD [mailto:[Crystal.Weaver@state.nm.us](mailto:Crystal.Weaver@state.nm.us)]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 07, 2017 4:29 PM  
**To:** Christine Alderman <[calderman@cimarex.com](mailto:calderman@cimarex.com)>; Terry Ainsworth <[TAinsworth@cimarex.com](mailto:TAinsworth@cimarex.com)>  
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Hello Christine,

I was out at the Darner 9 State #1 Battery on 6/19/17 and I found a large amount of impacted gravel and base coarse material still remained atop of the liner within the battery which I have taken pictures of and attached above. Also pictures I have above such as IMG 6675, 6677, 6691, and 6693 document holes all over throughout the liner in just the places I was able to visibly see. Therefore, the integrity of this liner is considered overtly compromised and OCD requests that the rest of the liner now be inspected for any further damages aside from the ones documented above and that all damages be rectified. Verification that contamination has not breached past the liner will need to be provided via a vertical delineation of lab tested sampling at every location where the liner is compromised. Also when I was walking around and checking/observing the gravel and base coarse material within the battery I moved some of the surface layers in certain areas throughout the battery and found that contaminated layers existed beneath which is documented as well in the

pictures above i.e. IMG 6681, 6683, 6685, and 6687 . Therefore, due to this discovery I am requesting that all gravel and base coarse material be removed from this battery and replaced. Please inform OCD District II Office within 48 hours advance notice on when these tasks are scheduled to take place.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact either myself or Mike Bratcher here at the District II Office.

Thank you,

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**Subject:** RE: Darner 9 St 1 & 16 Battery spill

Hey Christine,

Just wanted to check in with you on the status of this one?

Also that older spill that happened at this site back when Johnny Titsworth worked for Cimarex (2RP-2391), I asked if you all had any analytical data on that. Could I get an update on that request as well?

Thank you madam,

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**From:** Weaver, Crystal, EMNRD  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2017 3:36 PM  
**To:** 'Christine Alderman' <[calderman@cimarex.com](mailto:calderman@cimarex.com)>  
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**Subject:** RE: Darner 9 St 1 & 16 Battery spill

Hello Christine,

As I stated, in the voice mail, I left you earlier today, the pictures do help to get further understanding in the case of this release so thank you for those. Let's move forward with statements in you Final C-141 that are similar to what your foreman David Hayes wrote in his email to you when he forwarded the pictures to you.

We need to see statements/efforts that include:

- That the liner was fully inspected and that you all attest to it's integrity
- Pictures and spill dimensions (as I mentioned above) for cases like this one do help
- If you could provide the final volume (in yards or some other volume unit i.e. cubic feet or tons etc.) of the soil/gravel/base coarse fill material (on top of the liner) that you all removed that was contaminated
- Also if you all wouldn't mind conceding to a pressure washing of the liner before the clean material is put back in that would be ideal

Thank you for your efforts and if you have questions or concerns feel free to contact myself or Mike Bratcher here at the Artesia Office.

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**From:** Christine Alderman [<mailto:calderman@cimarex.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2017 9:47 AM  
**To:** Weaver, Crystal, EMNRD <[Crystal.Weaver@state.nm.us](mailto:Crystal.Weaver@state.nm.us)>  
**Subject:** FW: Darner 9 St 1 & 16 Battery spill

I will call shortly to discuss.

Christine Alderman

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**From:** David Hayes  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2017 9:20 AM  
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Christine,

I went back to the Darner 9 St 1 & 16 Battery and re-measured the spill area. It is 81' long and an average of 4' wide. If the oil spilled was a uniform 2" deep, the volume in the containment would be 9.6 bbls.

What we were calling gravel was mostly base coarse material covered with gravel. You can see from the pictures of the area around the tanks that the base coarse soaked up quite a lot of oil. You can also see from some of the pictures that the base coarse soaked up so much oil that very little made it to the liner in most places. There were no holes found in the liner where the spill occurred.

Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks,

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