

**From:** [Weaver, Crystal, EMNRD](#)  
**To:** ["Ochoa Vidales, Cesar G"; Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD](#)  
**Cc:** [Billings, Bradford, EMNRD](#); [Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD](#); [Blythe, Amy M \(Amy\)](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Hydrostatic Test Water Release Hidalgo Co. Reported at ~ 1:47 p.m. Today by Kinder Morgan (El Paso Natural Gas)  
**Date:** Thursday, December 28, 2017 9:26:00 AM  
**Attachments:** [1. 4500 - COAs and signed C-141 Initial.pdf](#)

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RE: El Paso Natural Gas Co. /Kinder Morgan \* Line No. 1100 Segment 5 & 6? \* fAB1733430569  
\* 2RP-4500

Cesar,

I have included a scanned copy of the signed Initial C-141 Remediation Permit along with an attached Conditions of Approval (COA). The OCD tracking number for this event is 2RP-4500. please refer to this tracking number on any and all submissions sent in to the OCD. Please remit a site characterization plan (see COA document included in attachment) or advise OCD of plan of action by no later than 1/5/18.

Thank you,

### Crystal Weaver

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**From:** Ochoa Vidales, Cesar G [mailto:Cesar\_Ochoa@kindermorgan.com]  
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**To:** Weaver, Crystal, EMNRD <Crystal.Weaver@state.nm.us>; Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD <CarlJ.Chavez@state.nm.us>  
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Dear Crystal,

Attached is El Paso Natural Gas Company's (EPNG) **Initial Report on Form C-141**, as NMOCD's required Written Notification, for the unauthorized release of hydrostatic test water in Hidalgo County, New Mexico. The event occurred during a hydrostatic project on the California Main Line (Line No. 1100) while moving water from test section 3 and 4 into test section 5 reported on November 16, 2017.

Respectfully,

Cesar G. Ochoa, P.E.  
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**From:** Weaver, Crystal, EMNRD [<mailto:Crystal.Weaver@state.nm.us>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 16, 2017 4:39 PM  
**To:** Ochoa Vidales, Cesar G; Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD  
**Cc:** Billings, Bradford, EMNRD; Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD  
**Subject:** RE: Hydrostatic Test Water Release Hidalgo Co. Reported at ~ 1:47 p.m. Today by Kinder Morgan (El Paso Natural Gas)

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Cesar,

Thank you for the notification and the information. Please follow this notification with the submission of an Initial C-141 form on or before 11/25/17. Also if any of the HST water made it onto Federal or State Land Office surface then Kinder Morgan/El Paso Natural Gas Co. will need to notify the proper contacts for those agencies if applicable.

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

Thank you,

**Crystal Weaver**

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**From:** Ochoa Vidales, Cesar G [[mailto:Cesar\\_Ochoa@kindermorgan.com](mailto:Cesar_Ochoa@kindermorgan.com)]  
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Crystal/ Carl,

We actually believe the release occurred on 11/10 but it was discover by our personnel today at 10:15.

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**From:** Chavez, Carl J, EMNRD [<mailto:CarlJ.Chavez@state.nm.us>]  
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Crystal:

Mr. Cesar Ochoa called into OCD- SF today at ~ 1:47 p.m. to report a hydrostatic test water release approaching or exceeding 25 bbls at El Paso Natural Gas Line 1100 (Mile Post 355 + 3100) or at lat. 32.2960268 -108.8314753 (see attached photos).

On Friday, test water was removed from a section of pipe to another section. A vent was left

open in the frack tank containing the HST water, and it overflowed during the weekend while no one was there or noticed/discovered until 11/10 at ~ 4 p.m.

Please contact Mr. Ochoa at (915) 587-3694 or via e-mail at [cesar\\_ochoa@kindermorgan.com](mailto:cesar_ochoa@kindermorgan.com).

Thank you.

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