

## Venegas, Victoria, EMNRD

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**From:** Venegas, Victoria, EMNRD  
**Sent:** Monday, July 1, 2019 11:25 AM  
**To:** 'Johnson, Misti M. (MRO)'; Bratcher, Mike, EMNRD; Hamlet, Robert, EMNRD; Griswold, Jim, EMNRD  
**Cc:** Castro, Isaac (MRO); Andersen, Mark (MRO); rmann@slo.state.nm.us  
**Subject:** RE: Marathon Oil Company- Initial C141- STERLING STATE 23 27 20 TB #004H, WA #006H

### RE: Marathon Oil Company- Initial C141- STERLING STATE 23 27 20 TB #004H, WA #006H

Ms. Johnson,

OCD has received your initial C-141 for RE: Marathon Oil Company- Initial C141- STERLING STATE 23 27 20 TB #004H, WA #006H, thank you. There are issues with the C-141 you submitted and therefore it cannot be processed.

- There is no Latitude/Longitude coordinates. Please provide the exact lat/long where the spill occurred.
- This is a major release (Volume Released 60 barrels)

#### **19.15.29.7 DEFINITIONS:**

**"Major release"** means:

- an unauthorized release of a volume, excluding gases, of 25 barrels or more;
- an unauthorized release of a volume that:
  - results in a fire or is the result of a fire;
  - may with reasonable probability reach a watercourse;
  - may with reasonable probability endanger public health; or
  - substantially damages property or the environment;
- an unauthorized release of gases exceeding 500 MCF; or
- a release of a volume that may with reasonable probability be detrimental to fresh water.

**"Minor release"** means an unauthorized release, which is not a major release and is a volume greater than five barrels but less than 25 barrels; or for gases, greater than 50 MCF but less than 500 MCF.

Please, correct The C-141 and send it again. However, as of today July 1<sup>st</sup>, application for administrative approval of a release notification and corrective action will require the operator to go to <https://wwwapps.emnrd.state.nm.us/OCD/OCDPermitting/Default.aspx> and provide payment for review of forms and/or review of documents. Also, in order to ease some of the transition, NMOCD has put a [FAQ announcement](#) on our website.

We are considering your email as an initial notification for a major release.

Thank you,

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OCD approval does not relieve the operator of liability should their operations fail to adequately investigate and remediate contamination that may pose a threat to groundwater, surface water, human health or the environment. In addition, OCD approval does not relieve the operator of responsibility for compliance with any other federal, state, or local laws and/or regulations.

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**From:** Johnson, Misti M. (MRO) <mjohnson4@marathonoil.com>

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**Subject:** [EXT] Marathon Oil Company- Initial C141- STERLING STATE 23 27 20 TB #004H, WA #006H

Good Moring,

Please see attached Initial C141. Yesterday around 3:00 pm, Operations reported a produced water release due to a failed check valve on loading line. Approximately 60 bbls of produced water was spilled into secondary containment. No spillage went off site.

Please provide the incident number at your earliest convenience.

Thanks,  
Misti Johnson

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